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Recession pushes jobless up to postwar record

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The Government has decided against any reflationary moves in the near future. Mr Healey has said the Government will contemplate action to stimulate demand only when Britain's inflation rate is down to that of its main trading competitors, a prospect that remains distant and uncertain.

The abrupt rise in the total of workless was forecast about eighteen months ago by Professor David Laidler, then of Manchester *University inflation project*. He said it would be a direct consequence of the too rapid slowdown in money supply growth engineered by the Government *early last year*.

Most other forecasters, like the Government, have proved far too optimistic in their assessment of the employment outlook.

In addition to the rise in the number of unemployed, there has been a reduction in job opportunities. The number of unfilled vacancies on August 6 was 135,768 in Great Britain, almost 7,000 fewer than last month.

But that was a smaller fall than usual for the time of year. The seasonally adjusted unfilled vacancies total actually rose by more than 5,000. There was also *a reduction in short-time working*, from an estimated 145,000 in July to 128,000 in August.

The Department of Employment has recently begun to publish short-time working figures more promptly in response to press criticism. But the department gives a warning that *the estimates may* not be precisely comparable with or have the same accuracy as the regular monthly statistics, which are published with a three-month lag.

Our Labour Staff writes: The TUC said yesterday that the pattern of rising unemployment in every region underlined its case for the temporary employment subsidy to be available to companies in all parts of the country.

It noted with concern that two out of every three of those who have come on to the unemployment register in the past *month were school leavers.*

But it added: "The counter-inflation programme will give us a breathing space in which to get ready to take every advantage of the upturn in world trade that we are told will begin to show itself by the end of the year.

"The Government are rightly *putting* emphasis on rapidly decelerating inflation but just as much emphasis ought to be put on a programme of industrial *investment.*"

Mr James Jack, the general secretary of the Scottish TUC, called for urgent government action to stimulate employment prospects in Scotland.

Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, described the *figures as appalling.* He said they made the need to implement the TUC's agreement with the Government on counter-inflation measures more *urgent than ever.*

"Victims of failure": Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said yesterday that the million people unemployed, the school leavers without jobs and the hundreds of thousands of people working short time were the victims of the failure of the social contract to restrain inflationary wage settlements.

"The profligacy of this Government in meeting their side of the social contract *means that the funds for dealing with* the problems caused by this unemployment will be limited", he said in a statement.

The highest figures for unemployed school leavers at any time since records began were a devastating indictment of Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, who must bear a *substantial and* direct personal responsibility, Mr Hayhoe said.

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Mrs Galina Chudnovskaya, from Leningrad, visiting her daughter Irina, aged nine months, in Brompton Hospital, London, yesterday, six days after a heart operation on her baby. Irina was the first child to come to Britain under the new Anglo-Soviet health agreement.

Angry protests greet Dr Kissinger in Israel

From Eric Marsden

Jerusalem, Aug 21

Dr Kissinger expressed confidence that his Middle East shuttle would succeed when he arrived at Ben Gurion airport tonight for a renewed attempt to arrange an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt.

The United States Secretary of State said he had left Israel last March with a heavy heart, fearing that "still more tragedy was in store for the people of *Israel and of the Middle East*". He added: "I return with the same concern but with renewed hope that the strong desire for peace will prevail."

Angry demonstrators outside the airport were barred from entering by strong detachments of security forces behind iron barriers. Dr Kissinger, who was welcomed by Mr Allon, the Foreign Minister, made a brief statement on the tarmac before leaving by helicopter for Jerusalem.

Demonstrations against the proposed agreement were held in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Beersheba and Jerusalem.

The police used tear gas and made baton charges to clear the road to Jerusalem blocked by the prostrate bodies of religious zealots who were trying to prevent the cars carrying Dr Kissinger's White House and State Department advisers from entering the city. They were held up for half an hour.

In the centre of Jerusalem young members of the Likud Party sat down in Zion Square, holding up traffic in all directions until the police dispersed them.

Dr Kissinger's helicopter passed over the heads of the demonstrators and landed at the YMCA football field across the road from his hotel. He was spared the sight of posters declaring him to be "Israel's false Messiah" and accusing him of selling out the country.

In a rival demonstration members of the left-wing Mapam Party drove in 70 cars from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem shouting slogans in support of the interim agreement.

The police expect further attempts to disrupt traffic throughout Dr Kissinger's visits. They are on the alert for demonstrators who try to block roads with cars and have been told that attempts will be made to pour oil over main roads. The police have acquired special equipment to deal with this.

At the King David Hotel, Dr Kissinger grinned briefly at the crowd in which Israeli and United States security men seemed to outnumber journalists and hotel guests. He was met by a faint round of applause.

No one without authorization was allowed within 200 yards of the hotel. On the King David terrace, a girl played a harp for afternoon tea guests as police sirens roared outside.

In his airport speech Dr Kissinger said that sufficient progress had been made to warrant more intensive diplomatic efforts. President Ford had sent him to work for progress towards peace and to protect Israel's security. He praised the vigilance for peace of Mr Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

These were not easy times for Israel, he said. Every course of action carried risks, but the risk of inaction was the greatest of all. The difficult phase through which Israel-United States relations had passed, was over and they were pursuing common purposes.

The Secretary of State was tonight the guest of Mr Rabin at the Knesset before going on to a working dinner at the Prime Minister's home.

Paul Martin writes from Alexandria: Egypt remains quietly confident that American determination to forge a new Sinai accord will prevail. Egypian officials have made it clear that they do fear last minute hitches, but in their view the remaining unsettled points do not constitute "major obstacles".

Close aides of President Sadat maintain that only Israel now holds the key to success or failure of Dr Kissinger's mission. "So far as we are concerned there could have been an agreement long ago", a presidential official said. "What makes us confident of success is that America is well aware of this."

According to the Egyptians, the issues that Dr Kissinger will attempt to iron out concern Israel's demands for proof of movement towards peace as well as some "modalities" of the actual agreement. However, the Egyptians believe that the remaining obstacles will become insurmountable only if Israel chooses to make them so.

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Civil war in Timor as Portugal loses control

From Michael Knipe

Lisbon, Aug 21

The Portuguese Government admitted today that its forces can no longer control the situation on its far-eastern colony of Timor, where fighting has broken out between three political groups.

The admission came in a communiqué issued after a long meeting between President Costa Gomes, the heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force, Dr Mario Ruivo, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, and a military mission from Timor.

The Portuguese Government had decided to increase diplomatic activity and other measures to stabilize the situation, to diminish tension and to seek areas of agreement between the rival groups, the communiqué added. The Government also intended to evacuate those Portuguese who wished to leave. Help for foreign nationals was being sought from the International Red Cross.

According to reports from the island, Portuguese forces control only the area around the docks in the capital, Dili. The Portuguese population was concentrated round the military garrison, but the Revolutionary Front for an Independent Timor (Fretilin) controlled the military headquarters.

Macao: The Portuguese authorities in Timor, proclaiming *ing themselves helpless in the* grip of a civil war, today appealed for international intervention to stop further bloodshed.

An official communiqué received here from Dili said many people had been killed or wounded in the fighting.

The three groups struggling for power are the Timor Democratic Union (UDT), which wants the colony to stay with Lisbon in a federation until it can stand alone; Fretilin, which favours immediate independence; and the People's Democratic Association of Timor (Apoderi), which advocates integration with Indonesia.—Reuter.

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Whitelaw pledges support for pay policy

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But, he added, in what may have been an appeal to his own back-benchers who may take a different view from the Shadow Cabinet, "the problem of inflation is so serious that even those who would have tackled it differently owe it to the country to give this policy every chance of success."

He then said: "We must also remember that it has been approved by Parliament and is the law of the land." That passage reflected Mr Whitelaw's deep belief that an Opposition can do itself no good by opposing in Parliament *a policy that has been* approved by Parliament.

He also expressed the hope that everyone in the Labour Party would support the Government.

That was an obvious reference to the trouble Mr Wilson is having with some members of the *Tribune* group of Labour MPs who are refusing to support the policy. Probably he also had in mind the passage in Mr Wilson's speech in which he appealed to everyone to stand up for the policy and to reject the appeal of "minorities" who might want to break it.

Mr Whitelaw emphasized that pay restraint could be only part of a counter-inflation policy; on its own it would certainly not be enough.

Mr Wilson had said little about the management of the economy and the restraint in public spending, which it was widely recognized must form an essential part of any effective policy.

Under the present Government the amount of the taxpayers' money that the Government had spent had grown by *an unprecedented amount.* "If the Government are going to ask the rest of us to tighten our belts they really must set an example and tighten their own", he said.

Liberal attack: Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal Chief Whip, described Mr Wilson's broadcast as "rank hypocrisy" (a Staff Reporter writes). The facts should have been admitted at the time of the last election, he said.

The Prime Minister had called for investment, but his partisan policy on nationalization gave no incentives. Appealing for leadership, he added: "*Mr Wilson and his cronies* should resign and let the nation unite behind a new team whose only policy is the conquering of inflation, the preservation of Britain which the country can trust and follow."

It was not a year for Britain that was needed, but a government for Britain.

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Shipping 'put at risk' by cuts in Navy's ocean surveys after defence review

By Michael Horsnell

The Royal Navy's Hydrographic Service, *which charts* the oceans, can no longer carry out its work adequately, according to a report being studied by the Government.

The report, which has not yet been published, says that without a massive injection of money up-to-date coverage of some waters used by British shipping will no longer be *possible*, and that shipping might be endangered.

The Ministry of Defence would not comment yesterday on the findings of the Hydrographic Study Group set up by *the Government in July last* year.

The group's report calls for a radical change in attitude to the service, about which there has been growing concern because of the increase in Britain's offshore oil industry. The concern was heightened by reductions in defence spending.

The study group believes the time has come for the Government to vote money for hydrographic survey, independently of the defence budget. The report says the service needs another £30m over the next *seven years to meet its* priorities in home waters and avoid withdrawal elsewhere.

Even to maintain the present survey fleet and provide staff at its Taunton shore establishment would require an increase of about £18m over the next seven years, in addition to the £30m.

The study group, which consists of representatives of interested Whitehall departments and other organizations, urges reimbursement of the

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US relaxes Cuba trade ban

From Fred Emery

Washington, Aug 21

From today American subsidiaries abroad will be granted licences for trade with Cuba. Countries whose ships and aircraft are involved in the Cuban trade will also no longer be penalized with the loss of official American assistance and the vessels will no longer be denied bunkering or refuelling in American ports.

The ban on direct trade between the United States and Cuba remains in force, however.

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Start to Prentice campaign for political survival

In a memorandum supporting his appeal against his constituency management committee's decision to drop him as an MP at the next general election, Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, has told the Labour Party's national executive that if his experience is repeated in other constituencies where "unrepresentative groups" gain control then cowardice will become a condition for political survival in the party

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Reluctant pit backing for pay policy likely

There are strong indications that members of the National Union of Mineworkers have voted in favour of the Government-TUC counter-inflation measures in their secret pithead ballot, which ended last night; but with markedly less enthusiasm than had been forecast

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Strike hits Louvre

A staff strike at France's museums and historic palaces means that a temporary guardian, a woman, is now looking afte rthe "Mona Lisa" in the Louvre collection in Paris

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Bobby Charlton, the former Manchester United and England footballer, resigned yesterday as manager of Preston North End *because he could not agree* with the directors on their proposal to sell the club captain, John Bird, to Newcastle United.

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Lisbon coalition hope

Hopes were *rising in Portugal yesterday* that a new coalition Government might be formed whose composition reflected the percentage electoral successes of the main parties in April's election

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Independent schools

Twenty-one direct-grant schools have told the Government that they will go independent when the £12m grant is withdrawn in September, 1976.

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No Rhodesia delay Africans demand

The delegation from the Rhodesian African National Council which is to meet Mr Smith for constitutional talks on Monday, will demand a swift takeover of power from the white regime. It will not agree to a transitional government

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'Harsh sentences' call

An appeal for magistrates to be given extra powers of punishment and for more effective means of making parents responsible for their children's wrongdoing was made last night by the Police Federation, the policemen's "union"

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'No-go' threat: As the violence continued in Ulster, the British Government was faced with a threat of the reintroduction of Protestant "no-go" strongholds

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Conscientious objector: A Swedish student is being force-fed twice a day in Göteborg prison after 15 days on hunger strike

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Miners expected to approve pay peg policy but with much less enthusiasm than forecast

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Polling in the miners' secret pithead ballot on the Government-TUC counter-inflation measures ended last night with strong indications that the vote has gone in favour but a great deal less so than optimistic forecasts.

In the three weeks of voting the pendulum has swung from a heavy majority for the recommendation of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers towards markedly less enthusiasm for the £6 a week pay-rise limit.

Pits in the traditionally moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield have recorded a variety of responses, ranging from a fifty-fifty split over the issue to a three-to-one vote in favour. The poll there has proved less enthusiastic than expected because of a left-wing campaign to oppose wage restraint policy.

In another "barometer" coalfield, the north-west, the outcome of the vote is understood to be equally divided, with two pits voting against the national recommendation, which was backed locally by the Lancashire area council, but one small branch has gone six-to-one in support.

In Yorkshire, where first returns suggested that the biggest and most militant coalfield would swing marginally behind the £6 limit, later developments suggest that the balance might be tipped the other way. Some large left-wing pits have produced majorities of more than 70 per cent against the White Paper *The Attack on Inflation* during the past week, counteracting equally impressive votes of confidence in the Government-TUC initiative expressed elsewhere in the coalfield.

That leaves the militant coalfields of Scotland and South Wales to make up for the weight of moderate votes cast in the smaller coalfields, and among white-collar workers, mechanics, craftsmen and transport workers in the industry.

Overall, the ballot result will come as a relief to moderate NUM leaders, enabling them to cast the union's vote for the "redeveloped" social contract at the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool in 10 days' time. But it leaves the question of how far the miners will translate their support in a ballot to backing for the counter-inflation measures when negotiations in the industry open next February.

Mr Owen Briscoe, secretary of the Yorkshire miners, said last night:

Naturally there is great allegiance to the Labour Party, and rightly so. But I do not think the men realize fully the implications of this. They will not be felt until February or March next year, when I can foresee a deterioration of living standards of something like 20 per cent. I think they will realize then the folly of accepting a wage freeze at a time when prices are being allowed to run riot; knowing the miners, I think they will react with their feet.

They would react "the only way they know, irrespective of what they have committed themselves to previously," he added. The Nottinghamshire vote has clearly been affected by the left-wing campaign mounted by eight miners in the coalfield who have distributed leaflets calling on the men to give "a resounding 'No' vote in this ballot and uphold the dignity and fighting spirit of the miners".

The authors, who gave their names, called on pitmen to "be loyal to Labour principles" and argued: "It is those who support wage restraint who are bringing disaster to Labour. This is what has happened before. Every Labour government has been defeated because of disillusionment caused by adopting capitalist policies. It must not happen again."

In the wake of that campaign, Mr Joe Whelan, communist financial secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners and one of the coalfield's two representatives on the NUM national executive, forecast last night that the outcome of the ballot would be "a hollow victory" for the moderates, which would prompt a revolt by the miners next spring.

Ballot papers are being returned to the London offices of the Electoral Reform Society over the Bank Holiday weekend, and counting will begin in secret on Tuesday. The result is expected to be declared officially on next Thursday or Friday, only days before the critical debate at the TUC on the counter-inflation package.

The ballot paper distributed to more than 260,000 members of the NUM posed the question "Are you in favour of the national executive committee's recommendation that the union should support the efforts of the TUC General Council and the Labour Government to combat inflation?"

If opponents win, 'cowardice will become a condition of survival in Labour Party

Mr Prentice launches his campaign to remain an M

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, who has appealed to the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party against the decision of the management committee of his constituency, Newham, North-east, to drop him at the next general election, says in a memorandum supporting his appeal that if the situation he is facing is repeated in other constituencies where "unrepresentative groups" gain control the whole character of the party will be changed.

If a sitting MP is to be subjected to such treatment simply because most of the management committee members do not agree with his political views, and for no other reason, then, Mr Prentice argues, cowardice will become a condition for political survival in the Labour Party.

That would have a big impact on the complexion of the party in Parliament and would prejudice its chances of winning the support of a wider electorate at general elections.

Indeed, Mr Prentice presses his case even farther. The application of what have come to be known as "the Mikardo principles", allowing a constituency party to select and "deselect" an MP during the lifetime of a parliament, would damage the parliamentary system itself and destroy the Labour Party as it now exists, he maintains.

Therefore Mr Prentice asks the national executive to make its decision on his appeal a political one. He wants it to base its verdict not on a narrow interpretation of the rules but rather to consider the matter as a constitutional issue.

He also tells the executive that he has been more faithful and consistent in his support of party policy than have many of his critics.

His appeal comes at a time when the Social Democratic Alliance, which has been formed by moderates in constituency parties, is saying that 20 other Labour MPs are threatened by similar action in their constituencies. The alliance has said that if the trend is successful the party's electoral prospects will be destroyed.

The "Mikardo principles" were set out in a speech Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, and a former chairman of the party, made to the annual conference last November.

Speaking to the national executive, he said he would fight for the right of the constituency Labour parties, without any qualification at all, they being the only authority to decide who should be a candidate.

The constituency party, he said, had to "carry the can", find the "lolly", and organize all the work to see that its candidate was elected. "Of course, if they have the right to select, they must have also have the right to "de-select", Mr Mikardo added. "That goes without saying."

A constituency party would not be interfered with by the national executive so long as the proper constitutional procedures were carried out. "I have never believed that the selection of a man as Labour candidate by a constituency Labour party is a ticker for life", he said.

If a situation developed in which there was incompatibility between a constituency party and its MP it was in its interest and in the interest of the MP as well for him to seek another constituency, and for the party to seek another candidate.

Mr Prentice is maintaining that the constitution of the party does not say that and that Mr Mikardo was putting his own gloss on the rules.

Setting out the history of events at Newham, the minister suggests that it has been a model illustration of how a local party can be taken over by an unrepresentative group, a phrase used by Mr Wilson in the letter h to one of i porters indic to depart fr rule not to organization

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Threat of Protestant 'no-go' areas as violence grows in Ulster

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The latest increase in sectarian violence continued unabated in Northern Ireland yesterday as the British Government was faced with a threat of the reintroduction of "loyalist" no-go areas in Protestant strongholds throughout the province.

During the day two men were shot dead and another was seriously wounded in incidents of the type that has once again become familiar in Belfast and which has raised sectarian tension to a level not seen before this year.

This morning Mr Orme, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, has agreed to meet a delegation from the powerful Ulster Loyalist Central Coordinating Committee, the most representative of the many loyalist "umbrella" organizations. Mr Orme is deputizing for Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, who is on holiday in England.

The delegation will be going to Stormont Castle to protest at the alleged ill-treatment of loyalists by the Royal Ulster Constabulary and to demand an immediate review of the Government's security policy.

Afterwards, the committee, which represents the Vanguard Party, the Ulster Defence Association, the Ulster Workers' Council and a number of paramilitary groups, will announce details of action planned if its demands are not met. I understand that that is likely to include the barricading of loyalist areas in a similar way to that seen in the weeks before Operation Motorman in the summer of 1972.

Mr Orme's agreement to meet the delegation illustrates the recognition by the Government of the present mood of dissatisfaction and frustration among loyalists at all levels. It has grown perceptibly in the past 12 days, during which there have been 15 deaths in Ulster.

In addition to the well publicized incidents, including public house bombings, street riots and kidnappings, lesser examples of sectarian strife have also been increasing alarmingly. They centre on the intimidation of citizens of both sects still remaining in "mixed" areas, and usually involve late-night shooting incidents and the throwing of petrol bombs into houses.

Within the past week one of the worst areas for this sinister type of sectarian warfare has been the Greenisland estate in east Antrim, where army and police patrols have been increased in an effort to counter a campaign by Protestant extremists to drive out the remaining 150 Roman Catholic families. The move comes after strong protests to the RUC by local Convention members.

The progressive deterioration of security in Northern Ireland and the growing mood of fear among ordinary citizens of both communities comes at a time when there are indications of complete political deadlock between Roman Catholic and Protestant politicians.

Yesterday the Convention's all-party business committee met to consider the present position, but little appears to have been decided, apart from a commitment to meet again on August 28.

The first of yesterday's sectarian murders occurred shortly after 8 am, when Mr John Finlay, a Roman Catholic, was shot on his way to work in a timber yard in Belfast's dock area. Less than three hours later Mr David Davidson, a Protestant secondhand car dealer, was killed by gunmen on the outskirts of the city, presumably in retaliation.

State plan may bring dismissal of teachers

By Our Education Correspondent

A government circular, to be published soon, is likely to recommend that teachers should be dismissed in areas, such as large cities, where the number of schoolchildren is declining.

A draft sent to some local government leaders and local authority associations says the number of teachers will have to be decreased proportionately where school populations are dropping, so that posts can be filled in areas where they are rising.

According to *The Times Educational Supplement* today the circular is to be sent to local authorities next week as a guide to implementing the Government's recent decision not to allow any increase in real terms in local government spending in 1976-77.

It is likely to say that far more children under five have been admitted to school than expected by the Department of Education and Science, and that such admissions should be allowed only if there is no additional call on resources.

The Times Educational Supplement says in a leading article that it will be difficult for local authorities to maintain existing pupil-teacher ratios, as requested in the circular. The article points to a contingency budget produced by one authority reducing the number of teachers in each secondary school by three, and in each primary school by one.

Chief education officers of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Lancashire say they will probably have no alternative but to dismiss teachers in 1976-77.

21 direct-grant schools declare they will go independent

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Twenty-one of the 173 direct-grant schools in England and Wales have told the Government that they will go independent when the direct grant is withdrawn in September, 1976. Twelve others have said they will join the maintained sector.

The Department of Education and Science disclosed those figures yesterday, the day the government regulations to phase out the grant worth £12m began to operate.

The department said it was not naming the schools. The following schools, however, are known to have decided that they will go independent: Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex; Birkenhead School; Eltham College, London; Haberdashers' Aske's boys' and girls' schools at Elstree, Hertfordshire, and Monmouth; Loughborough High School and Loughborough Grammar School; Manchester Grammar School; St Albans School, Hertfordshire; Walthamstow Hall School, Sevenoaks.

Mr James Cobban, co-chairman of the direct-grant schools joint committee said: "There is no need for the schools that wish to go independent to inform the Government of their decision. It is significant that 21 have done so. They are but the tip of an iceberg."

The schools have until the end of this year to sign a declaration of intent to join the state system. Mr Cobban predicted that between 80 and 100 would decide to go independent.

He said: "By a doctrinaire decision that a school can sign the declaration of intent to enter the national system of education only if it forswears academic selection the Secretary of State (for Education and Science) has compelled many of these schools to take the path of full independence.

"This will make their continued cooperation and coexistence with comprehensive schools, which has happened up and down the country, difficult if not impossible."

A claim by Dr Royston Lambert, former headmaster of Dartington Hall School, that direct-grant schools serve overwhelmingly the upper ranks of society is challenged in a letter to *The Times* today.

Mr R. W. Baldwin, chairman of the governors at Manchester Grammar School, says the claim is "ludicrous". The average income of parents of nearly two-thirds of the boys at the school was £3,160 in the financial year 1974-75, which was only a little above the national average of earnings.

Mr Donald Lindsay, director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said Dr Lambert's figures were at least five years out of date. The direct-grant schools had since then done everything possible to see that they provided opportunities for clever children from poor families. It was simply not true that they would get as good an education in the comprehensive schools, he said.

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Journalists given assurance on use of police

From a Staff Reporter
Birmingham

Officials of the Birmingham branch of the National Union of Journalists were assured yesterday by Mr P. D. Knights, the new Chief Constable of the West Midlands, that it was not the policy of the force to use plain-clothes officers to deal with industrial disputes.

The meeting came after an expression of concern to him and to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, after the arrest of 10 journalists in an incident outside *The Birmingham Post and Evening Mail* offices on August 8. The journalists, dismissed over a pay dispute, have been picketing the building since early July.

The incident occurred when two lorries that had delivered newsprint were leaving. Plain-clothes officers from the serious crimes squad who had just left police headquarters adjoining the newspaper office intervened in scuffles to assist uniformed colleagues.

Mr Paul Connew, chairman of the branch, said the chief constable had made clear that as police officers they were entitled to intervene.

Mr Knights had promised that four fined for obstructing the highway would be receiving their fingerprints and photographs, but it was procedure to retain photographs and fingerprints of the other six fined for using threatening words likely to cause a breach of the peace; some photographs which had been taken of the picketing would be used in training cadets to deal with situations they were likely to face.

Useless degrees

"Many students will be told that they can take a degree course provided it is useless": a critique of government policy towards colleges, by Eric Robinson, is published today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*.

Shipping 'put in danger if ocean survey shrinks'

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Ministry of Defence by the Department of Energy of the cost of engaging in energy source exploration. It also calls for a contribution from Persian Gulf countries towards operating a ship there.

Senioir officers in the Hydrographic Service resent the little importance that has been attached to it. The service is the oldest branch of the Admiralty, and has charted oceans for 180 years. It consists of a fleet with 750 men and 13 ships, as well as shore establishments.

The work the service does has increased, but it has had to take its share of reductions in the Navy. Its present spending is about £7m a year. The report says growing requirements can no longer be contained within the shrinking defence budget:

Although many of these requirements, and among them the most urgent, will be concentrated in home waters and can continue to be met by joint or common programmes of surveying, the existing capacity of the Hydrographic Service is insufficient to carry out all the work which has been identified, even at home, except over a protracted period extending to the end of the century. . . .

While it should be the aim to encourage the development of overseas hydrographic organizations to enable us to make a properly phased withdrawal from these areas, a precipitate withdrawal would almost certainly result in part of the Admiralty chart series becoming obsolescent.

The report considers the dangers to shipping if waters are unsurveyed:

To the extent that the charts are already inadequate, that the seabed is largely unstable and gradually changing, and that ships of steadily increasing draught are transiting the areas, there is a progressively mounting risk to their safety, their cargoes and the lives of their crews; a correspondingly growing risk of environmental pollution; and a rising risk to the marine insurance community—with its detrimental effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments.

The study group says the Ministry of Defence should retain two ocean survey ships and one inshore survey vessel. One of the ocean survey ships should continue to meet British and international requirements in the Persian Gulf, and the remaining ships should be concentrated on high-priority defence, energy and shipping tasks in home waters, with some limited deployment to the West Indies.

Miles moves up to share chess lead with Sax

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Miles came up to share first place with Sax, the Hungarian grandmaster, in the London International Chess Tournament at the West Centre Hotel by beating Max Fuller in round five yesterday. Fuller overlooked the loss of a pawn at the end of a series of exchanges in the centre and came down to a hopeless ending.

Timman, the young Dutch grandmaster, made a brief attempt at attacking Sax's king but the Hungarian defended well and a draw was agreed after 18 moves. Leading scores are Miles and Sax 3½, and Adorjan and Nunn 3.

Results, round five:

White	Black	Opening	Result
Pritchett	Adorjan	Sic def	Black won
Fuller	Miles	Sic def	Black won
Nunn	Webb	French def	White won
Sloan-Jonsson	Basman	G flan	adj
Timman	Sax	QP Grun	drawn

Hodgson had the bye.
Adjourned games result: Round three, Horner 0, Miles 1. Round four: Webb 1, Fuller 0.

Julian Hodgson won again in his international match against Cardon and with 3½ points to his opponent's 1½, he won the match.

Woman aged 106 dies

One of Britain's oldest women, Miss Eliza Stringer, has died at the age of 106 in Brighton in a nursing home.

Soldier on secret work absent for three years

A lance-corporal who was absent without leave for three years after a year of "secret and hazardous" work in Northern Ireland was sentenced to six months' detention and reduced to the ranks at a court martial at Winchester yesterday. The sentence is subject to confirmation.

The court martial was told by Lieutenant Alexander Gardner that Lance-Corporal Anthony Roche, aged 27, had been given a job in Ulster "of considerable risk, which exposed him to more danger than normal".

Corporal Roche, who was born in co Kildare, in the Irish Republic, joined the Army in 1966 on a 22-year engagement and had been serving with the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, in Ballykelly, Ulster.

Corporal Roche, whose address was not given, was arrested in London, where he was living with his wife and child. Mr Michael Hill, for the defence, said yesterday that he did not want the corporal photographed, "for his own protection".

For security reasons, details of his job in Ulster were not read out. Instead Mr Hill handed in a document about the job, saying: "There are certain elements which preclude me from addressing you further on that in the present atmosphere of this court as it is now constituted. . . ."

Mr Hill said that Corporal Roche, who was on the point of giving himself up when arrested, had started to have family difficulties after being in the Army for a year.

He had discovered his widowed mother was pregnant; he had the responsibility of looking after two younger members of the family; one of his sisters died from a brain tumor; and another sister had to go into a home for unmarried mothers.

Some of his family and members of a religious movement to which he and his wife belonged had tried to persuade him to return to the Army. Corporal Roche, however, had wanted some assurance that he would not have to return to Northern Ireland. But no one could give him that assurance.

There was no element of cowardice in the case, Mr Hill said.

Remand for 11 after clashes at shipyard

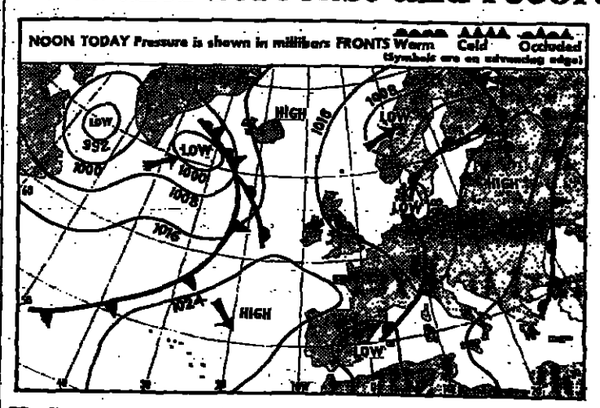
Eleven men arrested during picketing at the Birkenhead shipyard of Cammell Laird were each remanded yesterday on £100 bail with £100 surety until October 7. Magistrates at Bromborough, Wirral, made it a condition of bail that they do not go within half a mile of the shipyard.

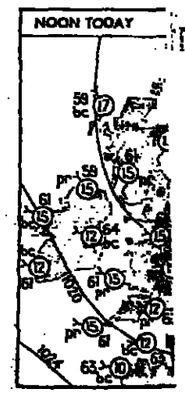
Four of the accused men elected to go for trial by jury on a charge of noisy and disorderly conduct. Other charges heard yesterday were of assaulting and obstructing police officers and using threatening words and behaviour.

Four of the men were arrested at the yard on Wednesday night and the other seven were arrested there yesterday morning.

About 45 pickets protested as men working for the George Wimpey construction company arrived for work on a £9m programme. They were formerly employed by a company dismissed from the site, and are among a number who could not get jobs with Wimpey.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.56 am. Sun sets: 8.10 pm
Moon sets: 6.44 am. Moon rises: 7.54 pm
Last quarter: August 30
Lighting up: 8.40 pm to 5.28 am
High water: London Bridge, 3.7 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 3.18 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Avonmouth, 8.35 am, 12.6m (41.2ft); 8.52 pm, 12.9m (42.3ft). Dover, 12.11 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 12.27 pm, 6.8m (21.5ft). Hull, 7.15 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 7.47 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft). Liverpool, 12.15 am, 9.1m (29.8ft); 12.37 pm, 8.8m (28.9ft).

A trough of low pressure will persist over Scotland while a ridge moves E into S Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, E, Central S and N England, East Anglia, Midlands: Sunny spells at first, showers developing in some places, dry later, clear periods at night; wind NW, backing W, light; max temp 19°C (66°F).
Channel Islands: Showers, sunny intervals, becoming dry later; wind NW, backing W, moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Changeable, showers, longer periods of rain, especially in S, but sunny intervals; rather cool in N, temp near normal in S.
Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW backing W moderate; sea slight.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW backing SW moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 22°C (72°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 16°C (61°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 64 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, .01in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 2.6hr. Bar, n 7 pm, 1011.9 millib 1,000 millibars=29.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

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Athens	s	32	90	Dublin	r	17	63	London	s	23	73	Oslo	s	23	73
Barcelona	s	29	84	Edinburgh	r	16	61	Luxembrg	s	27	81	Paris	s	27	81
Beirut	s	29	84	Florence	s	28	82	Madrid	s	32	90	Perth	s	20	68
Belfast	c	15	59	Funchal	s	25	77	Majorca	s	31	88	Reykjavik	c	13	55
Berlin	s	27	81	Geneva	s	27	81	Malaga	s	28	82	Rome	s	30	86
Bermuda	c	31	88	Gibraltar	s	27	81	Malta	s	30	86	Stockholm	r	20	68
Biarritz	s	21	70	Guernsey	r	20	68	Miami	s	30	86	Tel Aviv	s	31	88
Birmingham	c	16	61	Helsinki	r	20	68	Montreal	c	21	70	Toronto	c	17	63
Bristol	s	19	66	Innsbruck	s	26	79	Moscow	s	23	73	Vienna	s	27	81
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Brighton	5.5	.30
Worthing	4.8	.08
Bognor	4.4	—
Southsea	3.0	.01
Sandown	3.8	.02
Bournemth	6.3	.01
Exmouth	6.5	—
Torquay	5.8	—
Falmouth	6.6	—
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Newquay	10.3	—

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Mr Whitelaw pledges Conservative support for anti-inflation stand

The following is the text of the reply last night by Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, to the Prime Minister's broadcast:

Ministerial broadcasts in August are unusual unless there is some sudden or unexpected development. But although he had nothing new to say, if Mr Wilson's purpose was to bring home to the nation the seriousness of our position then he was right to speak to us last night.

Our country is facing grave economic difficulties and he has the duty and responsibility to give a straight forward lead. Tonight I want to tell you how I believe we Conservatives can best play our part in serving the interests of the whole nation.

We agree entirely with Mr Wilson about the dangers of our present rate of inflation. Margaret Thatcher has urged the Government time and time again to take action before steeply rising prices undermine the whole basis of our society. That danger was clearly underlined by Mr Wilson's reference to unemployment, and it has been underlined again by today's serious unemployment figures.

All of us knew that to beat inflation unemployment in any circumstances would have had to go up. But unemployment will be higher than it need have been, for longer than it need have been, because the Government ignored for so long our clear and constant warnings.

Mr Wilson appealed for support for the Government's policy of pay restraint. As he said, it represents a rough justice, and some, I fear, will be more roughly treated than others. For example, the self-employed, the small businessman, those on fixed incomes and above all the unemployed, especially this year's school-leavers.

The problem of inflation is so serious that even those who would have tackled it differently owe it to the country to give this policy every chance of success. We must also remember that it has been approved by Parliament and is the law of the land.

Therefore I must make one point clear beyond any possible doubt. Anyone, from any quarter, who seeks by any method to break the Government's counter-inflation policy will receive neither comfort nor encouragement from the Conservative Party. If only the Labour Party when we were in government had backed our efforts to bring inflation under control our country would not be in its present plight today. But we will not seek party advantage from the present desperate situation. We shall stand by Mr Wilson if his policy is challenged and encourage him and his ministers to stand firm in the battle. I hope everyone in his own party will do so as well.

Pay restraint can only be part of a counter-inflation policy and on its own will certainly not be enough. Last night Mr Wilson said very little about management of the economy and restraint in public spending, which it is widely recognized must form an essential part of any effective policy. The truth is that, under this Government, the amount of your money that the Government spend has grown by an unprecedented amount.

But if the Government are going to ask the rest of us to tighten our belts they really must set an example and tighten their own.

Some ministers seem to recognize that. Some have spoken pretty bluntly about the need for restraint in public expenditure. They know that sooner or later they are going to have to cut some of their most cherished programmes. But so far it has been all words and no action. That is simply not good enough. Once again, the longer action is delayed the more disastrous the results will be.

If, as we trust, the Government intend to be resolute in restraining public expenditure, then surely Mr Wilson should have taken the nation into his confidence on this too, and told us plainly that the effect of cutting back is bound to be felt by every family. We will never get people to accept this inevitable result by concealing the truth. Economies by stealth will lead only to resistance and resentment.

I must say one more thing about spending. I really do not believe that the people of this country will tolerate it if town halls, instead of cutting their own spending, just pass on higher bills to the ratepayers. The Government really must make sure that this is not allowed to happen.

In the end, the national will and determination necessary to curb inflation and overcome our economic troubles need a broad-minded approach. Mr Wilson conceded this when he advocated a national policy. If that is what he wants, then surely he must consider setting aside some of the purely socialist legislation that his Government is rushing through Parliament in an ill-digested form. Even supporters of further nationalization measures such as shipbuilding, aircraft and land, costing thousands of millions of pounds of the taxpayers' money, cannot claim that these will make any contribution to curbing inflation. Opponents of nationalization, and there are many outside the ranks of the Conservative Party, believe that these measures will be positively damaging and will destroy much of the confidence in industry upon which extra investment must depend.

We are all asked to make sacrifices. Is there not a sacrifice here that Mr Wilson and his Government should make themselves?

There is nothing basically wrong with our country, no difficulties that cannot be overcome. But we all have to accept that in the immediate future we shall, individually, be somewhat worse off. We have got, each one of us, to think in terms of doing more for our country and getting rather less out of it for ourselves.

I believe that our people are singleminded about the threat of inflation. The vast majority know inflation must be cured and are prepared to meet the costs for the sake of their country's and their children's future, but they must be told in an honest and straightforward way what this cost will be, not just in terms of wage restraint but in the quality of life, which must suffer by cutting back on programmes which we cannot now afford in the public sector.

However unpalatable the facts may be, we must be told the whole truth now if we are all to feel part of the national effort to put our country back on the road to prosperity. That is the Government's direct responsibility.

We in the Conservative Party have never shirked that duty. We will play our part as a constructive and responsible opposition, standing up for what we believe to be right and fair in the interests of all the British people.

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"If the police service is to be expected to solve the growing crime problem it must have the manpower to do the job; therefore we hope the community will make its views heard in demanding a stronger, more effective police service, coupled with a demand that the judiciary and magistracy impose adequate and sensible punishments to lawbreakers.

"It is now an everyday occurrence for criminals to use guns to murder, to wound, assault and to rob. The threat to public order continues unabated."

Last year, it added, one police officer in 10 was assaulted, and the trend was increasing. If police officers were assaulted at that rate what did the future hold? It continued:

The average law-abiding citizen must make his voice heard in telling those in authority and other leaders within the community, some of whom are prepared to tolerate and even condone lawbreaking, that the time for change is now upon us.

Councils join to fight used-car frauds

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

West Midlands County Council is soon to initiate an attempt by local authorities to combat fraudulent secondhand car sales. In consultation with other councils, it has decided to establish a national register to check the pedigrees of vehicles, particularly their milages.

Four of the six metropolitan county councils—West Midlands, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire—have decided to join the scheme, and the computerized information will be stored in North Yorkshire County Council's computer. It is hoped that the scheme will eventually cover all local authorities.

The consumer protection department of the West Midlands council has found that trading in secondhand cars is one of its main concerns. Most local authorities have proof of consumer dissatisfaction with used cars, and the West Midlands alone received more than a thousand complaints between April, 1974, and March, 1975.

One of the commonest malpractices is lowering the milage on the indicator. This "clocking" of cars is also difficult to prove. It has been often found on vehicles previously used as business cars, or by hire companies, and usually sold through car auctions. The "clocking" of vehicles is a criminal offence, but proving it is a complex, time-consuming process.

A national register, with a central computer, would store vehicle histories received from officers visiting car auctions. Officers of the West Midlands consumer protection department have been visiting the main auctions in the area this year and have monitored 250 to 300 vehicles a week.

It is hoped that when the system is fully operative it will be possible to check many suspect sales at auctions or at the premises of "bomb-site" dealers, in a matter of days.

The department said that if unscrupulous dealers were aware that computer records of milages existed they would be less inclined to indulge in fraud.



Mr Colin Dean, a member of the campaign to free George Davis, before his arrest (as reported on page 1) at Victoria Park, east London, yesterday.

EEC cash plea for tunnel link

Leaders of Europe's railway workers meeting in Harrogate yesterday called for EEC member governments to finance building of the Channel tunnel.

The railwaymen's section of the International Transport Workers' Federation, representing more than a million railway workers in Europe, voted unanimously in favour of a National Union of Railwaymen motion describing the cross-Channel rail link as a vital contribution to the European transport system.

Work on the tunnel was halted indefinitely after the Government made it clear last year that it would not underwrite further costs. Yesterday's conference called on railway unions in Europe to press their governments to build a tunnel

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, said the estimated total cost of £846m was "chicken feed" to EEC governments.

Pollution warning centre to be set up in Britain

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A research centre to carry out a two-year study into the type of international early-warning systems needed to safeguard food supplies and the environment from pollution is being established in Britain.

The investigating team, to be known as the Monitoring and Assessment Research Centre, is being formed at Chelsea College, London University, with a grant of more than £330,000 from the United Nations Environment Programme and the Rockefeller Foundation.

A parallel three-year project costing £90,000 and paid for by the Department of the Environment, has already started at the centre into the effectiveness of British early-warning measurements.

The director of the unit is Professor Gordon Goodman.

In addition to protecting human health and the air, land and seas, the purpose of devising better early warning systems is to combine conservation of resources with good agriculture, animal husbandry and industrial production.

One theme of the studies at Chelsea is to establish the sources of substances giving cause for concern and how they are carried through the environment to be a danger to individuals.

The investigation has a direct connexion with an assessment of how harmful substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium build up in populations to a poisonous level.

Since the research programme is to help in creating an effective global early warning scheme, one goal is to establish those methods of monitoring suitable for general use and those for regional use.

Another part of the study will examine the processes of contamination which are aggravated by the mixture of substances coming from different sources.

Support for fewer airports

By a Staff Reporter

The fewer airports in South Wales and the west of England the better, says an internal study of the future of the area's five airports in the next decade commissioned by the Civil Aviation Authority.

The study, one of a series produced in an effort to develop a national airport strategy, leaves the authority to make up its mind on the significance of the findings. But passenger forecasts to 1988 show up to two thirds of potential passengers going to London or Birmingham to catch aircraft.

The more airports, the less cost in time and travel to passengers, the study says. But air costs go up so fast that it would be cheapest overall to have no airports at Glamorgan, Bristol, Exeter, Bournemouth and Southampton.

Airport Development in South Wales and the South West Region of England (CAA, PO Box 41, Cheltenham. £3.75 by post).

Politics 'may ruin idea of community council'

By Geoffrey Browning

There is a risk that statutory *neighbourhood councils* will become a party political battlefield rather than a genuine forum for the expression of local views, the Labour Party has told the Department of the Environment.

The department's discussion paper on neighbourhood councils raised the question whether a statutory framework would be of assistance to their development, and, if so, what powers and resources should be made available.

In its evidence, the Labour Party argues that there is no need at this stage for a statutory framework and that resources are not available in the present financial situation to set up what might be interpreted as yet another tier of local government.

If neighbourhood councils were constrained by a statutory framework their role as agencies of social innovation could no longer be fulfilled. Experiments such as door-to-door balloting for elections, which took place recently in south Liverpool, would not be possible.

The party emphasizes that all measures to increase participation should aim at altering the present situation where the more advantaged pressure groups are more often effective rather than those representing the most deprived.

The party recognizes that voluntary neighbourhood councils are only one form of community action, and suggests that after two years a full evaluation should be made of the effectiveness not only of voluntary neighbourhood councils but of other community action groups.

All district councils should encourage all forms of community action, including voluntary neighbourhood councils and office facilities, and the support of community development officers should be made available.

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Mr Silkin, Minister for ...ng and Local Govern... said yesterday in a letter ...d Digby, acting chairman ... planning council, that ...vernment could not agree with those who argued that economic growth would necessarily have an adverse effect on the quality of life.

The planning council had pointed to the generally lower level of incomes in the region, and a narrowing of the gap between the regional and national level was a legitimate economic objective. While there might be many prepared to accept lower incomes as the price of the traditional way of life in the South-West, many others did not share that view.

Mr Silkin said in his letter: The policies of rigid development control which would be needed to discourage inward migration would be likely to result in pressures on housing leading to higher house prices and reduction of employment opportunities. Such policies would bear hardly on local populations as well as—or, conceivably, instead of—deterring migrants.

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Police officers lied about crash between panda cars

From Arthur Osman
West Bromwich

Two young police panda car drivers panicked after their vehicles had collided, West Bromwich Magistrates' Court was told yesterday. They made up a story that each in turn had been in collision with a dark-coloured 1800 car that had not stopped.

Constables Christopher Terence Holden, aged 22, of Greenhill Lane, Wheaton Aston, Staffordshire, and Anthony William Hall, aged 21, of Springfield, Rushall, Staffordshire, both members of the West Midlands force, admitted the charges. They were each fined £100 with £20 costs for "causing wasteful employment of the police", contrary to the Criminal Law Act, 1967, and £35 each for driving without due care.

Mr Trevor Lee, for the prosecution, said both officers had been driving panda patrol cars early on April 28 in West Bromwich. PC Hall had noticed his colleague's car in his mirror and accelerated and turned right. As he did so, PC Holden's panda collided violently with his off side, hit the kerb and was virtually written off. His own car was extensively damaged.

A great deal of police time was taken up trying to trace the non-existent 1800 car. It quickly became apparent that there were inconsistencies in the story. There was no debris in the road at the spot where PC Hall's car was supposed to have been hit, and laboratory examination showed that the vehicles had been in collision with each other.

In a statement, PC Holden said: "We were frightened and shocked about what had happened. Being in a state of shock I did not realize what would happen and if I had had time to calm down and rest I would not have told the story."

PC Hall said: "I immediately started to panic and thought how two police officers could explain such a disastrous situation. I realized the story would not be believed, but I could not force myself at the time to explain what had happened."

Mr George Brown, for the defence, said the officers would lose their jobs.

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Our Correspondent
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...r more youths who took ... in an attack last Friday ... on a party of French teen... ... on a good will camping ...o Britain were each fined ... yesterday. On Monday ... miners were each fined ... for their part in the raid ... 10 visitors from Longué, ... Saumur, when they were ... in their tents near their ...own of Calverton.

... incident has brought a ... reaction from mining ...es in Calverton. Collec... ...are being made on behalf ... French people, who are ...g on Wednesday.

...terday Nottingham magis... ...s heard Jean Pierre ..., aged 17, one of the in... ... visitors, describe how he ...dragged out of a tent by the hair, thrown to the ground and beaten.

The four at first pleaded not guilty to three charges of assault and one of possessing an offensive weapon, but later changed their pleas to guilty. They were: Anthony James, aged 19, miner, of Station Road, Carlton, and; Stephen Jolley, aged 21, miner, of Broadfields; Stephen Mace, aged 17, apprentice garage mechanic, of Watchwood Grove, and Alan Rees, aged 17, miner, of Salterford Avenue, all Calverton.

They were also ordered to pay £32.98 each compensation and costs and were all bound over in sums of £100 for two years to keep the peace.

After the case Jean Girard said through a court interpreter: "We apreciate all that has been done for us since the attack and we now have no hard feelings about it."

Insurance cover frees airfield for pop festival

By Martin Huckerby

Official permission for the Watchfield Free Festival to take over a former airfield in Oxfordshire was finally granted yesterday when the organizers reached agreement with the Government on insurance and signed the licence for the use of the site.

Mr Donald Aitken, one of the organizing committee, said they were obtaining necessary insurance to cover possible accidents

Mr Airey Neave, Conservative MP for Abingdon, which includes Watchfield, said yesterday he would call on the Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) to make a report on the Government's handling of the festival. He said that a significant charge for the festival was bound to fall on the taxpayers and ratepayers.

...lads recommended for this weekend

Food prices

Patricia Tisdall

...ecent sharp fall in lettuce ... makes salads the obvious ... for holiday weekend ... Prices vary consider... depending on local con..., but 16p a head seems ...sonable top price to pay ...s or Webbs. I would not ...er paying more than 12p ... round lettuce.

...atoes remain plentiful and ... at 10p or 12p a pound ...ss as supplies continue to ... in from Guernsey and ... in addition to home-grown ...es. Radishes and spring ... are also fairly cheap at ... 10p a bunch.

...e of the more exotic ...bles are surprisingly cheap. ...ettes at 8p to 12p a pound ...articularly good value and ... an attractive green veget... ...as an alternative to peas ...ins.

... an alternative to chicken, ... a good buy at this time of year, some stores are also offering turkey at special prices. Safeways, Keymarket, Tesco and Dewhurst are selling turkeys during the coming week at between 36p and 37p a pound, which means that birds weighing from 5lb to 9lb may cost less than a joint of beef, pork or lamb.

Fish is less plentiful than last weekend and cod, plaice and haddock are expected to be a little dearer. Some districts have been able to obtain stocks of Cornish mackerel, which are good value at 20p to 25p a pound.

Blackberries are in the shops at between 25p and 30p a pound and there is a wide selection of plums, from 16p a pound upwards.

Other good fruit buys continue to be Spanish melons; grapes from Spain and Cyprus are plentiful and cheap. English and French apple supplies are beginning to increase. The first of the English Tydeman's Worcesters are expected to arrive in the shops soon at about 20p a pound. Oranges are a little cheaper at between 3p and 7p.

Bacon cheaper: Cuts of up to 4p a pound in bacon prices are expected next week because of a sudden slump in wholesale prices yesterday (the Press Association reports). Led by the Danes, Britain's biggest bacon suppliers, imported prices were reduced by £45 a ton, and British curers reluctantly decided to make a similar reduction next week.

In retail terms, that means overall price cuts of about 2p a pound, with gammon rashers down by 4p a pound. The reductions have been caused by a fall in demand.

Electricity working with Marks & Spencer

252 STORES IN NEW ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Sir Marcus sets the pace

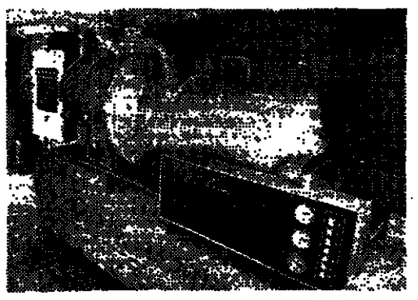
Encouraging staff to be energy-minded; immediate measures to cut waste and over-consumption; top priority for energy management in future developments—these are key points in the new Marks and Spencer energy management programme inaugurated by the Chairman, Sir Marcus Sieff.



"It is vital to the nation that all sectors of the community develop the right mental attitude towards energy conservation," wrote Sir Marcus recently in The Times. To set the pace for his own company, he has established teams with responsibility for energy management in the 252 M & S stores and briefed the company's Building Group to improve energy efficiency in every possible way—while maintaining optimum comfort for staff and shoppers.

Design for less heat loss

"Electricity accounts for the major part of our energy consumption," say M & S engineers, "and one of our most important aims is to conserve the heat produced by lighting, refrigeration and other applications. So we are widening our use of heat recovery and recirculation systems. Surplus heat from refrigeration and sales floor lighting, for example, can be directed to backstage areas. We are also redesigning food display units to minimise 'spillage' of cold air, thus reducing refrigeration and space heating requirements.



"In stores with air conditioning, we are developing systems for closer control of the energy used for circulating air, and for pumping water in the ancillary equipment.

"And to keep our energy working for us, we're improving building insulation wherever possible. Better roofing, filling of wall cavities and double glazing, together with more discriminating use of thermostatic control, are all helping to cut heat waste."

Looking at lighting efficiency

Here again, M & S policy is to increase efficiency without sacrificing standards. Good illumination is vital in sales areas—not only for attractive display, but also to ensure a strainfree



environment, and for safety on stairs and escalators. Throughout M & S stores and offices, the emphasis is on visual efficiency. New forms of mercury halide and fluorescent lighting, both of which are 40 per cent more efficient than conventional fluorescent systems, are being introduced. With all forms of lighting continuous research is urged to achieve the highest standards of colour rendering in conjunction with these higher outputs.

Energy effectiveness in new stores

With all new M & S stores incorporating systems for heating and cooling recirculation, high-efficiency lighting, and insulated structures, you might think these developments would satisfy the most energy-conscious management. "Yes, results are promising," say M & S. "But ours



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WEST EUROPE

Lone woman guards Monna Lisa as French museum staffs strike for better pay and prospects

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 21

The "Monna Lisa", Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece in the Louvre collection, was today being looked after by a temporary guardian, a woman recruited last May, as a strike of permanent museum staffs hit museums and historic palaces in France at the height of the tourist season.

At this time of the year an average of 50,000 people visit the Louvre daily. Despite the strike, which the unions of museum staff claimed was 80 per cent effective, the Louvre was open today with half the rooms accessible, according to the Directorate of the Museums of France.

As she pushed back the most eager among the crowd of about 150 people, mostly foreigners, who pressed to get closer, the picture's sole custodian said: "The strike, that does not concern me. I am only here until the end of October".

The woman was alone and obviously had no time to look to the other paintings in the large room. As I walked down the Grande Galerie past the Uccello, Bellini, Watteau, Fragonard, Poussin, and Claude paintings there were only two elderly guardians, also temporaries, among the milling mass of tourists.

The risks were obvious, even if the mass of tourists are perfectly harmless and would only feel tempted to take a (normally forbidden) flash photograph of their favourite painting.

In Versailles, as at the Louvre, only the most important rooms were opened as a measure to protect the treasures.

The unions, in a rare unanimity from the communist Confédération Générale du Travail to the moderate Force Ouvrière, are threatening to continue the strike until Monday unless M Michel Guy, the Secretary of State for Cultural Affairs, agrees to negotiate improvements.

The unions particularly protest over the recourse to temporary staff each summer, in order to keep one of the chief tourist attractions open. They assert that 1,000 permanent guardians of state museums and palaces are the worst paid of all state employees. According to them recruitment has become so difficult on present wage rates, that the authorities have recently approached the Salvation Army to see it if could find some suitable candidates among the jobless it looks after.

The majority of present staff, when they are not temporaries, are either retired people supplementing their pensions or young ones who can find no better job. Yet in 1945, the unions claim, museum staffs were as well paid as policemen.

Aware of the shortage of museum staff, M Guy last month agreed to salary improvements but this was overruled, according to *Le Figaro*, by M Chirac, the Prime Minister.

Of the staff in unions, 90 per cent voted in favour of the strike, demanding a 200 to 250 francs (£27) minimum increase in salaries and negotiations to assure young recruits of better prospects, so that, as they claim, visitors can regularly see all the exhibits they pay to see.

Rising hopes of forming new coalition in Lisbon

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Aug 21

President Costa Gomes was believed today to be considering the composition of a new coalition Government which is expected to be announced soon. He was also understood to be studying the revised programme of revolutionary action which had been prepared by Major Melo Antunes, the former Foreign Minister, and other military officers, taking in proposals from both moderate and extreme left-wing elements.

The speculation here was that a new Government would be led by a military man and would include members of the Socialist, Popular Democratic and Communist parties, roughly in proportion to the number of votes they received in the April elections.

The Socialist Party received 38 per cent; the Popular Democratic Party 26 per cent; and the Communist Party 13 per cent. The feeling is that the Communist Party, chastened by the mob violence it has encountered in the past month and now fully aware of its lack of effective support within the Armed Forces' Movement, would now be more willing to accept third place in a new coalition.

Asked at a press conference last night if the Communists were prepared to cooperate with moderate elements, Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the party's secretary-general said: "We are ready to cooperate with them certainly. The Portuguese revolution must be made with a broad front of political and social forces, some more moderate and some more radical." The salvation of freedom and revolution lay in the formation of a "broad, powerful, popular, democratic and socialist front."

Referring to anti-communist violence he said: "We will not respond to 'white' terror with 'red' terror, although retaliation is one thing and self-defence is another." The Communists would continue to give the present Government, which is led by General Gonçalves, the pro-communist Prime Minister, its backing "for the moment".

Expectations of a new government were hardened considerably yesterday when President Costa Gomes said that the present Government might last only a few days. General Gonçalves's Cabinet, however, gives every impression of regarding itself as a working government. Today, after a late-night sitting, it announced several long-term measures, including approval of a foreign investment code.



Dr Kissinger (right) speaking at Ben Gurion airport yesterday. At his side is Mr A Israeli Foreign Minister.

Objector force-fed in Swedish prison

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Aug 21

A Swedish student who has objected to compulsory military service on the ground of religious belief is being force-fed twice a day in Göteborg prison, it was learnt today.

Government officials confirmed reports that Mr Christer Sandstedt, aged 26, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for refusing to take part in a 28-day refresher course in Sweden's conscript Army. He received his basic military training five years ago, but says he has undergone a religious conversion which forbids him from bearing arms.

The Government also confirmed that Mr Sandstedt, who has been on a hunger strike for 15 days, is being strapped to a table twice a day and received nourishment by means of a plastic tube thrust down his nose into his stomach. A mixture of milk, sugar, salt, egg and vitamins was then pumped through the tubing.

Force-feeding was necessary to preserve his health, a National Corrections Administration official said.

Italy has new idea to foil kidnappers

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Aug 21

Signor Luigi Gui, the Italian Minister of the Interior, is preparing new measures against the increase in kidnapping. They are intended to prevent bandits from getting ransoms.

Signor Gui's main idea, put forward in an interview published yesterday by *L'Expresso* is that the families of kidnap victims should have their finances immediately frozen so that they cannot raise the money to meet the kidnappers' demands.

At the same time, he hopes to see closer control over banks and on banknotes so that the tracing of money paid in ransoms will be simplified.

The Minister was speaking after it had been confirmed that the charred remains of a man found in the boot of a burning car were those of Signor Gianfranco Lovati, the industrialist from Caorle who was the most recent victim of kidnappers and who apparently was murdered by his captors.

He is the third kidnap victim known to have been killed this year. Another was Laura Orsi, aged 17, a schoolgirl who vanished on April 7. Her kidnappers demanded 200m lire (£150,000) but the family replied that they could raise no more than 10m lire. A fortnight later the girl's body was found in a river.

The third was Mario Ceretto, aged 46, an industrialist who was kidnapped on June 23 near Turin. Four men have since been arrested and the account they are said to have given of his end involved a note which he was supposed to sign, asking his family to pay 1,000m lire. Before signing the note he changed the figure to read 80m lire and one of the bandits, apparently in a fit of anger, struck him on the head with an iron bar and killed him.

There are another six cases of victims of whom all trace has been lost, despite the fact that in three of these cases large ransoms, varying from 500m to 1,000m lire, are said to have been paid.

So far this year there have been some 40 kidnappings. In almost all, if not all, these cases, the families immediately asked the police not to open investigations until the victims had been freed. This is the attitude which Signor Gui is attempting to offset with his proposal that the families of victims should be made unable to find large sums of money.

Dacca leader ignored hint of coup

From Peter Hazelhurst
Dacca, Aug 21

Two days before his death in last week's coup, Shaikh Mujibar Rahman, the President and founding father of Bangladesh met a young lawyer who told the Bengali leader that his family were abusing his power and a mood of vengeance was building up in the country.

Shaikh Mujib waved the warning aside with an arrogant gesture and said: "I know everyone in Bengal, I have two informers in every village and I know what is happening. I will stay in power until I die". Thirty-four hours later after his son had fired a sten-gun out of a window, Shaikh Mujib walked out of his house in the Dhanmandi suburb of Dacca and confronted military officers on the veranda with these last words: "Why have you come to kill me? You are like sons to me". There was no reply. Four bullets ripped into his body and killed him.

This version of Shaikh Mujib's death was given to me by a highly-placed informant. According to my informant the troops set up mortars around Shaikh Mujib's house. At the time, the two-storey home was guarded by about a score of police and troops from the Lancer Regiment. Mortar shells broke the early morning quiet of Dacca and ploughed into the roof of the President's house and adjoining buildings.

"In recent years the Shaikh had allowed his family to become corrupt and arrogant. They would strut around treating people as animals. Such an atmosphere of vengeance and hatred had been created that last Friday's events were a logical conclusion", the young lawyer said.

Bangladesh orders out foreign journalists

Dacca, Aug 21.—Twenty-nine foreign reporters and photographers who arrived here yesterday were today ordered to leave Bangladesh within 48 hours. The authorities have instituted virtually total censorship on news out of Dacca and at first compelled the foreign journalists to remain inside the Hotel Intercontinental, with no possibility of going out.

Last night the Government decided to expel the journalists by putting them on the first available aircraft for London. Repeated intervention by Mr Eugene Booster, the United States Ambassador, however, caused the authorities to revise their decision. But they informed the journalists that the 72-hour visa they were granted yesterday when they arrived in Dacca would not be renewed.

From noon today the journalists were allowed to go out into Dacca, but they have found it impossible to file any reports because of a strict censorship that is apparently run by the Army through civilian officials.

Dacca is completely calm and the people do not seem interested in the political happenings, which are obviously beyond their comprehension. The man in the street greeted with indifference the news of the death of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, the President, who had recently lost all of what little popularity he still enjoyed.

Nearly a week after the coup, troops are still guarding the main public buildings and main city streets. Four tanks are stationed at the approach to the Hotel Intercontinental.

The calm of the streets is in contrast with the confusion reigning in the Administration and, it seems, the Government. The disappearance of Shaikh Mujibur has left a political vacuum which obviously has not yet been filled. — Agence France-Presse.

Delhi, Aug 21.—Mr Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed, the new President of Bangladesh, has assumed "all and full powers", prolonged the state of martial law and appointed himself Defence and Interior Minister, it was reported here today.

Delhi press reports "Dacca radio as saying the President had reappointed most of the members of the Cabinet of Shaikh Mujib".—Agence France-Presse.

Our Calcutta Correspondent writes: Dacca radio has resumed broadcasting songs composed by Rabindranath Tagore which disappeared from its programmes after the August 15 coup. So far as can be ascertained, the first programme of Tagore songs after the suspension was broadcast on Monday night. They are now being sung again daily on the radio.

Dainik Bangla, one of Dacca's four Government-controlled newspapers, said in a leading article yesterday that there could be no doubt that Tagore songs, as those of Nazrul Islam, a Muslim poet of West Bengal, who has been living in Dacca, would continue to inspire the people of Bangladesh for ever.

It added that, as Muslims were in a majority in Bangladesh, their feelings, contributions and influence would naturally be reflected in the country's culture in a marked manner, although this culture had also been enriched by contributions of other communities.

The article affirmed that there was no question of changing the name of the "People's Democratic Republic of Bangladesh". At the same time, the fact could never be ignored that Bangladesh was linked inseparably with the Islamic world.

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Bombay, Aug Gandhi, the Prime M hinted at changes tional provisions dures which she "given enormous small, obstructive create trouble an crises".

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Spain speeds up trials on terrorism charges

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Aug 21

The Spanish authorities have begun speeding up the process of bringing suspected terrorists to trial in advance of the new anti-terrorist decree which will be issued tomorrow.

The lawyers of two Basques accused of shooting dead a policeman have been told that preliminary investigations have been completed and the military trial can take place any time after tomorrow. Both face possible death sentences.

One of the defendants, Garmendia Artola, lost some brain tissues at the time of his arrest when he was shot through the head. His alleged confession, made after the brain damage had occurred, is a vital part of the evidence against himself and against Otaegui Echevarria, the other defendant.

An appeal was made to the Government earlier this month by the Association of University Graduates of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands to suspend the trial because, the association said, Señor Garmendia's mental and physical state was abnormal. Amnesty International has also appealed for clemency.

Five alleged members of the outlawed left-wing organization Frap (Anti-Fascist Revolutionary Patriotic Front) are expected to come to trial in a matter of days. They are accused of shooting dead a policeman last month in Madrid. All face possible death sentences.

An alleged leading member of the Basque separatist organization ETA, Pedro Ignacio Perez Beotegui, alias "Wilson", was told on Tuesday that he will be brought to trial, according to lawyers. No information has yet been released on the charges.

Señor Beotegui has been in prison in Barcelona since his arrest last month. He is suspected of being the leader of Basque extremist death squads which have shot dead a number of political policemen in the troubled northern provinces. He is alleged to have planned the assassination of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, the Prime Minister, in December, 1973.

Señor Beotegui earned his nickname while staying in London between 1965 and 1969.

The military court in Barcelona has also summoned for trial seven other suspected guerrillas, said to be members of ETA. Unofficial sources say that the rest of the recently arrested alleged ETA members will be summoned before the end of the week.

The 13 people whose arrests in San Sebastian were reported in the Spanish press yesterday are to appear before the public order court, which deals with political offences. They are accused of collaborating with ETA.

The police issued a statement today about the number of arrests in connexion with terrorist attacks in Galicia, where General Franco will preside over a Cabinet meeting tomorrow. Twenty nine people had been arrested, not 20 as previously reported, and seven so-called "safe houses" had been discovered.

The police also said they had discovered a link between ETA and the separatist Union of Galicians.

A lawyer, Señor Jesús Sanxoas, was arrested in Vigo in connexion with the Galician organization, it is believed.

Third Angolan liberation group declares war

Kinshasa, Aug 21.—The Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), the Portuguese colony's third liberation group which has only recently joined the fighting, today made a formal declaration of war on the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

In a statement here, Mr Marques Kakumba, Unita's deputy foreign affairs spokesman, said they would not discuss or negotiate with the MPLA, but would fight the Soviet-backed group wherever its troops were found.

Unita has strong support in the southern region of Angola, and Mr Kakumba said it would recover by force "all its areas of influence recognized at the international and national level" occupied by the MPLA.

The decision to step up the fighting was taken at a special joint meeting of Unita's political bureau, central committee, and all its military leaders at Silva Porto, about 500 miles south-east of Luanda.

The group's statement blamed the "clique" of Dr Agostinho Neto, the MPLA leader, who "dreamed of dominating the country with Soviet missiles and arms supplied by the Soviet block and its allies, including certain African countries".—Agence France-Presse.

Luanda: Unita today accused the MPLA of "Balkanizing" the nation. Mr Miguel Nzau Puna, the group's secretary general, said in an interview with the Jornal de Angola: "Up to a certain point, the MPLA was not our enemy, but today it is. It has forced us into war and we will resist".

Unita is holding an emergency congress to decide whether to merge politically and militarily with the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA). The two groups are committed to trying to wrest control of Luanda from the MPLA and have launched joint attacks on its forces at strategic points in a wide arc around the capital.

A Portuguese military spokesman said today that there had been little change in the fighting, although the FNLA and MPLA had clashed near Dalatando, a strategic road junction 100 miles east of Luanda.—UPI.

Johannesburg: A third camp for the estimated 13,000 Angolan refugees now in South Africa and South-West Africa is planned for Johannesburg, a Government official said

Champion in chess draw

Milan, Aug 21.—Walther Shawn Browne, the United States chess champion, today drew with Svetozvar Gligoric, of Yugoslavia, in their first round match of an international chess tournament. The match began late yesterday, was adjourned overnight and ended at noon.

In other first round adjourned matches, Lajos Portish, of Hungary, defeated Sergio Mariotti, of Italy, and Jan Smeikal, of Czechoslovakia, beat Bent Larssen, of Denmark. —AP.

S African police arrest four student leaders

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, Aug 21

There were strong protests today by South African members of Parliament against the latest round of arrests by security police under the Terrorism Act, which provides for interrogation in solitary confinement and without trial.

Those arrested this week were Mr Karel Tip, outgoing president of the National Union of South African Students, who was arrested in Johannesburg; Mr Glen Moss, a past president of the Witwatersrand University Students' Representative Council, who was also held in Johannesburg; Mr James Polley, a senior tutor at the University of Cape Town; Miss Megan Riley, his housekeeper; and Mr Gerry Mare, a Natal member of the executive of the National Union of South African Students.

Security police in Natal have declined to confirm or deny that Mr Mare has been arrested. A United Party MP, Mr Warwick Webber (Maritzburg South) said yesterday: "It is terrible to think that in this country people can simply disappear." He demanded an immediate statement from the Minister of Justice

In Cape Town Dr F. Van Zyl Slabbert, the Progressive Party MP for Rondebosch, demanded that those detained be brought to trial or be released immediately.

The National Union of South African Students has been under sustained pressure by the Nationalist Government for some years and numbers of its leading members have been banned without trial

Africans to demand swift takeover of power from Smith regime in Rhodesia

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Aug 21

Dr Edson Sithole, publicity secretary of the Rhodesian African National Council (ANC) said today that it was no longer thinking in terms of a transitional period durng which there would be a phased progress to majority African rule in Rhodesia.

"The question of a transitional government is out", he said in an interview in Salisbury. "We are now only considering the establishment of a provisional government in which there would be a majority of Africans."

Such a provisional government, he added, would obviously need some time to effect the hand-over of power, but the time would be measured in months rather than years.

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, tonight announced his team for the Victoria Falls talks. Apart from him, it will include Mr P. K. Van der Byl, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Wickus de Kock, Minister of Information, and Senator John Wrathall, Deputy Prime Minister.

The Rhodesian team is smaller than the delegation of 12 assembled by the ANC, and excludes two of the ministers yesterday named by the Rhodesia Broadcasting Corporation as being expected to be included. The Government party will leave for the falls on Sunday.

Dr Sithole, who left the ANC delegation in Lusaka yesterday to return briefly to Salisbury, is one of the most militant members of the ANC and his views about the speed with which power should be transferred is not shared by some members of the organization.

All the indications would suggest that the ANC has not made up its mind on the question of a timetable, over which there is still a considerable difference of opinion between adherents of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu). Some favour a transition period of several years.

However, Dr Sithole's statement does illustrate the huge gulf separating the ANC and the Rhodesian delegations which are to meet on the Victoria Falls bridge on Monday morning. At present there dication that the I Government is prepa licly to accept the pr majority rule, let alon table.

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West Germans take their leisure seriously

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Aug 21

West Germans earning an average income are now spending as much on leisure as on rent, according to the latest report on spending patterns from the Federal Statistics Office.

The average income of a household of two parents and two children of school age now stands at DM2,433 (£450) a month gross, or DM1,600 (£300) net.

Of this, 15 per cent in 1974 went on rent (West Germans buy houses much later in life than the British) and a like amount on leisure. Although spending on rent has risen a little in the past decade, leisure expenditure has risen much more sharply as the West Germans have reaped the rewards of their economic triumphs.

Against this, expenditure on clothing for the average household amounts to only 10 per cent of net income, while about 30 per cent goes on food. The higher the income, the less spent on food, and vice versa (in percentage terms).

Thus the average two-person household of pensioners, with an income of DM850 (£157) a month, spends almost 40 per cent on food, while this item takes less than a quarter of the income of the higher-paid.

Of the latter category (average household income DM4,000 a month gross, or £740) 90 per cent have a car, a telephone, bicycles and cameras of their own, while only one in four of pensioner households has a telephone.

On leisure activities, the average pensioner couple spends DM53 (£10) a month, compared with the average family's DM240 (£44), and the higher-paid household's DM460 (£85).

These figures underline the enormous prestige attached in West Germany to the annual holiday, which tends for most families to begin one minute after the schools break up and to end only when the breadwinner can no longer get away with being absent from work. The holidays naturally take the largest share of leisure expenditure for all groups except pensioners.

Of the average family's DM240 a month for leisure, 29 per cent goes on the holiday; 15.7 per cent on television and radio (artificially high because of the increasing number of first-time purchases of colour television sets); 13.7 on trips in the family car (excluding holiday journeys); and 8.7 on books and newspapers.

Pensioners, however, spend more than 25 per cent of their leisure funds on television and radio. Just over 23 per cent on holidays and 22 per cent on books and newspapers.

The increasing demand for leisure time in West Germany is already more than halfway to changing the national way of life. For millions of people (not only the higher-paid), the working week has been reduced to four and a half days, so that the Friday rush-hour begins at lunchtime.

In the uncertain years after the Second World War, the national obsession was work, which for many involved a scarcely credible number of hours per week. The new obsession is leisure, to which an increasing amount of the formidable national energy is being devoted, in spite of an apparently permanent total of more than one million unemployed.

Call for return to civilian rule in Nigeria

Lagos, Aug 21.—Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Chancellor of Ife University and a former leader of the parliamentary Opposition, has called on Nigeria's new military rulers to hand back power to civilians by March, 1977.

In a press statement issued last night, Chief Awolowo said that a date later than this "would arouse deep suspicion and detract from the good will the military now enjoy among the people".

US spent $57,000 on study of air hostesses' figures

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 21

Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin has found a way of continually obtaining publicity and promoting himself as the public's watchdog of the massive Government bureaucracy.

Each month the Senator announces his "golden fleece" award, which is given for the biggest or most ridiculous example of government waste and which, the Senator promises, will culminate in the "fleece of the year" award.

The latest discovery by the Democrat from Wisconsin is that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spent $57,800 (£27,142) on a study of the body measurements of airline stewardess trainees. A 103-page report was produced dealing with 79 measurements from head to foot. The study discovered each of the 423 girls involved had different measurements, thus proving next to nothing.

The Senator, who has long campaigned for the abolition of many government regulatory agencies, noted that "It is clear that the FAA, in this redundant study, is doing what they do best". But it seems improbable that the Senator will follow it up to the point where the FAA gets into real trouble, because he is stalking much bigger targets, such as the Lockheed Airtraft Corporation.

Senator Proxmire holds numerous powerful positions in Congress and as chairman of the Senate banking committee he will hold hearings next week on whether Lockheed violated loan agreements with the Government by making foreign bribes to secure business. In view of Lockheed's massive bribes to foreign officials and politicians, which have totalled at least $22m since 1973, there is even a chance that the Government's loan guarantee board may get Senator Proxmire's "fleece of the year" prize.

More bombs; gun battles in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Aug Sporadic gunfire brok again early today in northern city of Cordob bombs exploded at a soft bottling plant and a banl Buenos Aires.

No casualties were re from the bomb blasts o gunfire in Cordoba where people died and at least 2 wounded in a leftist gu attack yesterday. Scor people were arrested.

The armed forces an police were placed on full for possible terrorism to the third anniversary tom of the deaths of 16 left guerrillas at a navy base i Patagonian town of Trele

In Cordoba, Argentina's i trial centre and its se largest city, a group of a men in a car opened fire police station, and police returned the fire. The gun escaped.

Demolition crews def about 20 bombs found in b ings and parked cars.

VERSEAS

Greek junta were not old to lay own arms'

om *Mario Modiano*
iens, Aug 21

The Athens court of appeal ich is trying 20 former ek officers on charges of h treason and revolt for ging the 1967 coup, ad- *urned today until Saturday* en it is due to consider its dict.

Earlier, defence counsel gued that no death sentence uld be imposed on the defen- nts because Parliament, in a solution passed last October, d described the offences as olitical crimes". "The con- tution forbids the death sen nce in case of a political ime", Mr George Dialynas, e ex-officio counsel, declared. He said that the defendants ere not guilty of revolt since no one at any time gave them n order to lay down the arms, or even to go back to their ffices or units".

Under the military penal ode, if three or more officers rake up arms without authoriza- ion and refuse to obey the first order of a superior to lay them down, they are guilty of revolt. There is a mandatory death sentence for the leaders and instigators, as well as for the senior officer taking part.

Mr Dialynas argued that the defendants could not even be considered to be guilty of high treason as there was no evi- dence that they had coerced the head of state to act against his will or judgment.

"The King was able to choose the chief prosecutor of the Supreme Court to be Prime Minister, instead of the general suggested by the leaders of the revolution", the counsel said and produced the decree signed by the King appointing the new Government after the coup.

The prosecution maintained that the King had refused to sign the decree imposing mar- tial law but the defendants had falsely announced that he had.

The defence lawyer today urged the five judges to accept ittenuating circumstances in he case of all the defendants ecause they had a clean re- ord and their actions had not een prompted by base motives. At this point Mr George Papa- dopoulos and Mr Stylianos Pattakos, two of the chief defendants, who have refused to be defended, said the law- yer's request did not concern them.

In the Athens torture trial, Private Demetrios Litsas, one of the accused, changed his plea to "guilty" today and expres- sed his regret and repentance for taking part in the torture of political prisoners.

Private Litsas told the court that he had changed his lawyer and would turn state evidence. He is the sixth of the 17 pri- vates on trial who has agreed to confess. The 14 officers in the dock insist that there were no tortures.

The first witness today was Mr Stathis Panagoulis, the brother of Alexandros Pana- goulis who staged the abortive attempt to kill Mr Papadopoulos in 1968. He said he had been ruthlessly beaten at the special interrogation section of the military police by guards who threatened to "drink your blood with a straw".

He had been sentenced to more than four years' imprison- ment for trying to help his brother to escape and was sent to Boyati military prison to serve.

Mr Christos Tsironis, an employee of Olympic Airways, who said he had been tortured at the special section, took off his shirt and showed deep scars on his arms and chest, when defence counsel challenged his account.

Captain Athanasios Sekeris of the Navy, who was arrested after the abortive naval mutiny, told the court that Major George Tsallas, one of the defendants, had burnt his hands with a lit cigarette. He wanted to find out whether Captain Sekeris's brother, a senior diplomat, had bad contacts with the King and Mr Karamanlis, the present Prime Minister, who was then in exile.

Russians buy up more grain

Washington, Aug 21.—Mr Richard Bell, the Assistant Sec- retary of Agriculture, said today that the Soviet Union had bought an additional 1.5 million metric tons of grain through international companies. Most of the grain would come from Argentina and Western Europe, he said.

In another announcement, the State Department disclosed that the United States was interested in receiving proposals on ex- changing American grain for foreign oil.—Reuter.

Lawyers are still arguing about the custody of a former American President's papers and tapes

Mr Nixon looks back on Watergate

From Fred Emery
Washington, Aug 21

Watergate returned with a thud of paper to Washington yesterday. Mr Richard Nixon, clearly alive and stonewalling in top form in San Clemente, pro- vided 171 pages of his first public evidence on oath since resigning rather than face impeachment.

It was a deposition taken in July this year in support of his suit to regain his papers and tapes from Government custody. He was being questioned by "intervenors" in the case, parties who, as distinct from the Government, want all the papers and tapes made public.

On the question of the cover- up, Mr Nixon referred to what he called a "rather famous" conversation in which he had urged "cover-up or anything else if it'll save it, save the plan". He said his next com- ment was that he preferred "the other way", and protested that it meant going openly with the Watergate crimes before a grand jury. "That has con- stantly been my position", he said.

Grand juries, of course, hold evidence secret, yet it was the readiness of some of Mr Nixon's chief men, such as Mr John Dean, to go before grand juries that caused the collapse.

Asked if he agreed with Congress that the full story of Watergate should be made public, Mr Nixon said he had satisfied all the requests of the special Watergate prosecu- tor.

One of the intervening coun- sels pressed the point and this *inimitable dialogue* ensued:

Q: Do you believe that the *public at large, as opposed to* the special prosecutor, has a right to know the complete story?—Mr Nixon's second lawyer: The full story of what?

Q: Watergate.—Second lawyer: What do you mean by "Water- gate", counsel? The building?

Q: No, I mean by Watergate. I am asking the question in this sense: All the activities that occurred after June 17, 1972, up through August 9, 1974. I *only use that date because that* was the date Mr Nixon resigned *from office, relating to what* is popularly described as the *"cover-up". Now, if the wit-* ness knows what I mean by *that, I would like him to answer* the question.—Mr Nixon's first *lawyer: The witness may know* what you mean but I don't.

Q: *Well, if the witness knows,* I would like the witness to answer.—*Mr Nixon: Counsel* has given you the answer.

Q: *Counsel has said counsel* doesn't know what is meant by "Watergate".—*Mr Nixon: If* my counsel doesn't, I would never put my wisdom above his.

Mr Nixon's lawyers argued that by asking him to break the secrecy, required by law, of what he told the Grand Jury placed him in an impossible position.

Intervening counsel, however, came back to the main point that it was only the matter of Mr Nixon's papers and tapes that they were concerned with. Congress, in an Act signed by President Ford, had placed them in government custody.

Mr Nixon agreed, in sub- *stance, that at some time—but* not now — the Watergate *material (with qualifications,* always with qualifications) should be made *public through* his presidential library.

One counsel acting for the intervenors is Mr William Dub- rovir, a youngish Washington lawyer. He pressed Mr Nixon for a precise time. Recklessly, however, he had played a Nixon tape, secured through a court suit, to a cocktail party, for which he was duly rebuked by a judge.

Asked if he expected it to take longer than five years, Mr Nixon said: "I can't tell until I see how big the task is. Most of the tapes are not as audible as the one you played at that cocktail party."

The overpowering impression is that Mr Nixon wants to see *himself in the line of the great* presidents. Whatever else he *did, he wants, through protect-* ing the confidentiality of his papers, to protect those who went before and those who *come after him. So he main-* tains.

This was the argument he used in vain before the Supreme *Court to keep his tapes, but he* has not given up.

Quotas for whaling fleets are reduced

Tokyo, Aug 21.—Japanese whaling fleets in the Southern Hemisphere have had their catch quotas reduced heavily under a provisional inter- national agreement reached in Tokyo, the Fishery Agency re- ported today.

It said that in the 1975-76 season Japan would be allowed to catch only 1,331 sei and 3,071 minke whales, compared with 2,392 and 3,500 respect- ively for the 1974-75 season.

The provisional quotas were announced after a week-long conference attended by South Africa, Brazil, Japan and the Soviet Union. The conference ended without full agreement, Brazil insisting on a larger share.

According to the provisional quotas, the Soviet Union will *be allowed to catch 895 sei and* 3,017 minke whales, compared *to 1,608 and 3,500 for last* season.

Brazil's share is four and 642, compared with three and 765 last season. South Africa which does not catch sei whales, may take 134 minke whales.—Reuter.

US and Russia want ban on new weapons

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Aug 21

A draft treaty to prohibit military use of environmental modification techniques was tabled today in the 30-nation disarmament conference by the United States and the Soviet Union with the idea of "saving mankind from the danger of using new means of warfare".

The ban would apply to what the draft describes as techniques with "widespread, long-lasting or severe effects as the means of destruction, damage or injury".

It would not, however, hinder modification for peaceful pur- poses. Because the techniques are basically identical, irrespec- tive of the envisaged applica- *tion, the draft does not include* a specimic ban on military re- *search and development.*

Breaches of the treaty could *be reported to the United* Nations Security Council, and signatories would undertake "to cooperate in carrying out any *investigation which the Security* Council may initiate".

In submitting the draft, Mr Joseph Martin, the United States delegate, referred to the "serious concern felt by many states, including my own, over the potential catastrophic dan- gers to mankind if environmen- tal modification techniques were to be developed as weapons of war".

At a joint news conference, he and Mr Alexei Roshchin emphasized that if environ- mental warfare was not yet practical on a militarily signi- ficant scale, it could be in the future.

They said the draft was no more than that, and would cer- tainly be amended and made more precise when it was dis- cussed at the disarmament con- ference during next year's *session.* "It is not by any means the last word", the Soviet dele- *gate added.*

A leading American advocate *of restraints on environment* war, Senator Clayborne Pell *(Democrat, Rhode Island), who* came to Geneva for the tabling of the draft, said such weapons already existed in the minds of scientists, and would be a reality by the end of the century.

He refuted suggestions that the United States and Russia were advocating a treaty that would be relatively easy to negotiate because such weapons did not yet exist, largely be- cause they were unable to make progress on banning or restrict- ing those that did exist.

Athens admits seizure of US arms dump in Crete

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Aug 21

The Greek Government ad- mitted tonight that bombs and shells from aircraft worth up to £2.4m were seized by the Greeks from an American ammunition dump in Crete last year.

The removal took place in the last week of July when the Cyprus crisis was at a peak, *posing a threat of war between* Greec and Turkey. A United States *embassy official said the* loss was discovered recently and *the Greek Government was noti-* fied promptly because it was responsible for the security

A Government spokesman said tonight that it was pre- pared to reimburse the United States for the loss. "This is an insignificant affair. I am sure it can be settled honourably."

Officials were puzzled that it should have been leaked from Washington at this moment, a *few weeks before Congress* is scheduled to consider legisla- *tion to lift the American arms* embargo imposed on Turkey for *having used American* weapons in Cyprus.

There is no evidence that the missing aircraft ammunition wereu sed by the Greeks

Russia denies expansion of submarine fleet

Moscow, Aug 21.—The Soviet Union today denounced as absurd the latest edition of the British naval guide *Jane's Fighting Ships* which lays em- phasis on Russian development of submarines.

Tass said in a commentary that Captain John Moore, the book's editor, was trying to bring about a return to the cold war.

Captain Moore suggested in his latest edition that Soviet naval development exceeded the level that could be considered defensive. Tass said: "Moore's arguments could be brushed away as those deserving no attention if he did not represent a whole group of influential people, who, despite the prevail- ing trends of the times, are try- ing to divert events

Peking-Canton railway travel held up

From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, Aug 21

The China Travel Service is accepting no bookings until further notice on the Peking- Canton railway, apparently because of damage to the track.

Persistent rumours in Peking have told of extensive floods in central China but these have not been mentioned in the national press. Some foreign travellers who recently got as far as Changsha on the line to Canton were turned off the train and made to pay high fares for onward transport in an obsolete aircraft without seats.

Political and labour disputes on China's railways have been unofficially reported for the past year, but the reason for the hold-up in this case seems more likely to be damage to the track.

In brief

SE Asia political unity move

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 21.—Five Asian neighbours who form the Association of South- east Asian Nations (Asean) today edged closer to *becoming* a more tightly-knit political unit. *Meeting in Kuala Lum-* pur, delegates from Thailand, *Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia* and the Philippines, decided to *set up an inter-parliamentary* organization.

Fist of the law

Port Moresby, Aug 21.—The Papua New Guinea Parliament was suspended in uproar today after the country's police minister stormed across the floor of the House of Assembly and punched an opposition member who called him a "pumpkin head".

Africa treaty review

Nairobi, Aug 21.—The presi- dents of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are expected soon to approve recommendations for a formal review of the Treaty of East African Cooperation, which created the present East African Community.

Britain-Mauritius link

Port Louis, Mauritius, Aug 21. —A satellite earth station is to be built here, linking Mauritius *with the United Kingdom* through a communications satellite *over the Indian* Ocean.

Bangladesh recognized

Washington, Aug 21.—The United States today formally announced that it recognized the new Government in Bangla- desh and said that there was no reason to doubt that aid would continue.

No to Press Council

Sydney, Aug 21.—Australian newspapers have refused to discuss proposals submitted by Dr Moss Cass, the federal Media Minister, for a voluntary Brit- ish-style Press Council.

Police end strike

New York, Aug 21.—Leaders of San Francisco's striking police and firemen reached agreement on a pay settlement today, but no details of the agreement have been issued.

Egypt invites Pope

Rome, Aug 21.—President Sadat has invited the Pope to visit Egypt, well-informed sources said here today.

Darwin 'hell hole' ship to stay

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Aug 21

The Australian Government has extended its charter of the Greek liner Patris, anchored in Darwin harbour to provide emergency accommodation for the devastated city, despite criti- cism of the ship as a "hell- hole".

The Government, which leased the *Chandris* Lines vessel for $A15,000 a day (about £8,800) after Cyclone Tracy *destroyed* Darwin last Christmas, has extended the contract to *Nov-* ember.

The 800 people who now live on the Patris represent virtually every aspect of Australian society, from professional people to manual labourers to prosti- tutes—*such a conglomeration in* fact that the national weekly *The Bulletin has suggested that* the ship would provide excellent study opportunities for sociolo- gists and psychologists.

From the very start things have not gone smoothly for the residents. Recently a petition was signed by 25 people on board asking for action to be taken to prevent drunken fights, obscene language and offensive behaviour, particularly towards a number of married women with children. The petition claimed that there had *been three attempted suicides* by mothers and other women had received treatment for serious nervous disorders.

It went on to describe recent arrivals on the ship as being unkempt, unclean and of un- couth character, with "table manners that would disgrace a mongoloid ape".

The trouble seems to be a combination of factors. All accommodation is shared in either two, four or six berth cabins. The two berth cabins are so small that it is said to be impossible to turn around in them while another person is present. When a new resident comes on board he is allocated to one of the 470 cabins, but has no control over whom he will share with.

However, the main problem appears to be drunkenness. There are two bars which go *through 50 cartons of beer a* day, which does not include the *vast amounts of alcohol* brought on board. Stealing also is prevalent and the ship has become a major centre for marijuana smoking.

Police carry out regular patrols and are now removing trouble makers at the rate of about three a week, but the violence has still increased.

The identity crisis of a literary Los Angeles cop



Joseph Wambaugh, the world's most famous literary policeman, gumshoed around London last week. His objectives were partly business and partly pleasure, but his main interest was resolving the pain of an "identity crisis" that has afflicted him since he retired last year from America's toughest law-enforcement agency, the Los Angeles Police Depart- ment.

On the day of his retirement, Wam- baugh was a detective sergeant but his fame as a cop eclipsed all his superiors on the West Coast. While serving as a policeman, Wambaugh had found the spare time to write three thunderous best sellers: *The New Centurions*, which fea- tured in the lists for eight months, *The Blue Knight* and *The Onion Field*. The first two were made into money-spinning movies, starring George C. Scott and Rock Hudson (Hudson won an "Emmy" for his portrayal of the Blue Knight) and Wam- baugh is currently toying with the script for the third.

Historians of the current wave of Ameri- can police stories, which so dominate our own television screens, see Wambaugh as the seminal influence. He may not have invented the hard-nosed cop with the soft centre but he was the first to give the type literary expression. The concept of the cop as a crime-solver, priest, psychia- trist and buddy, a la Kojak, Colombo and McCloud can be traced back to the pages of *The New Centurions*, Wambaugh him- self, an uncannily youthful 38, height 5ft 10in, weight 170 pounds, is indulgent about the imitators but eternally vigilant about any "bastardization" of his own work.

Last week, he was in town seeing con- tacts in the publishing and television worlds and trying to ensure that the "packaging" of his future works—he has a television series, *Police Story*, and a new *police novel, The Choirboys, coming over* here—is faithful to the intensions behind *the original product.*

But most of his time was spent taking his wife and two boys, aged 13 and 11, around the sights. They did Windsor Castle, took in the Changing of the Guard and gave Scotland Yard the once over. Later, they all set off on a three-week Mediter- ranean cruise. Wambaugh is adjusting to the problems of devouring lotus but after 14 years (seven in uniform) on the force, preceded by three in the United States Marine Corps, it does not come as easily as it sounds

He would, if the truth be known, rather be a cop and still has nightmares about his departure from the force last year.

"*Ironically, it was my love for police work* that forced the decision. I finally had to *come to grips with the facts. So many* people knew who I was, so many came to *the station trying to see me. I'd become* a celebrity and there were so many phone calls that the other detectives had to screen them from me. That made them my secretaries. *I had to stop all that.*"

The actual ceremony of departure occurred on the day he received a radio call to investigate an armed robbery at a *bar in downtown Los Angeles.* "*It was a* very ugly scene. Several of the customers and staff had been *pistol-whipped as well* as robbed. But as soon as I arrived it was *obvious that most of the witnesses were* more interested in me—the celebrity— than in the crime itself. I asked the barman, who was streaming blood from a pistol-whipping, which hand the gunman had used, left or right. He replied: 'Tell me, Mr Wambaugh, what is George C. Scott really like'.

"That evening I told my chief that it had all become impossible. So I left by the back door, with a whimper not a bang."

Wambaugh has been busy enough ever since but it has not been the same. Most of his work on television and film projects is done in Hollywood, a very different type of jungle from the ghetto areas of Los Angeles. "I still can't get over in the police you might go on duty with a guy you did not like but there was always this unspoken assumption that you would do anything for each other in extreme situations. There was this extraordinary intimacy. In Hollywood there is no end of kissing and touching but you stand with your back to the wall all the time. The 'nice' guy right beside you could be after your ass and you know for a fact that the guy next to him is actually planning to sell your ass down the river."

Wambaugh is learning how to protect himself but the problem of how to protect the integrity of his own work is still not fully resolved. He is still baffled by the decision of the European film distributors to call the movie of his first book *Precinct 45*: "I didn't like the movie much but I still can't understand the reason for that change. They seemed to think that the idea behind the title, *The New Centurions*, was over people's heads so they wind up by substituting one that was completely phoney—we don't even have precincts in *Los Angeles.*" *The French for some* obscure reason decided to ditch the last chapter of *The Onion Field* in their edition and end with the penultimate one. "Strange", says Wambaugh, "it was a really desperate story but the original last chapter offered a little bit of hope. Maybe the French like to be in the pit." Wam- baugh was, however, more indulgent about a change of title wrought by the Turks for their edition of the same work. "I asked a friend to translate and found they'd called it *The Bastards.*"

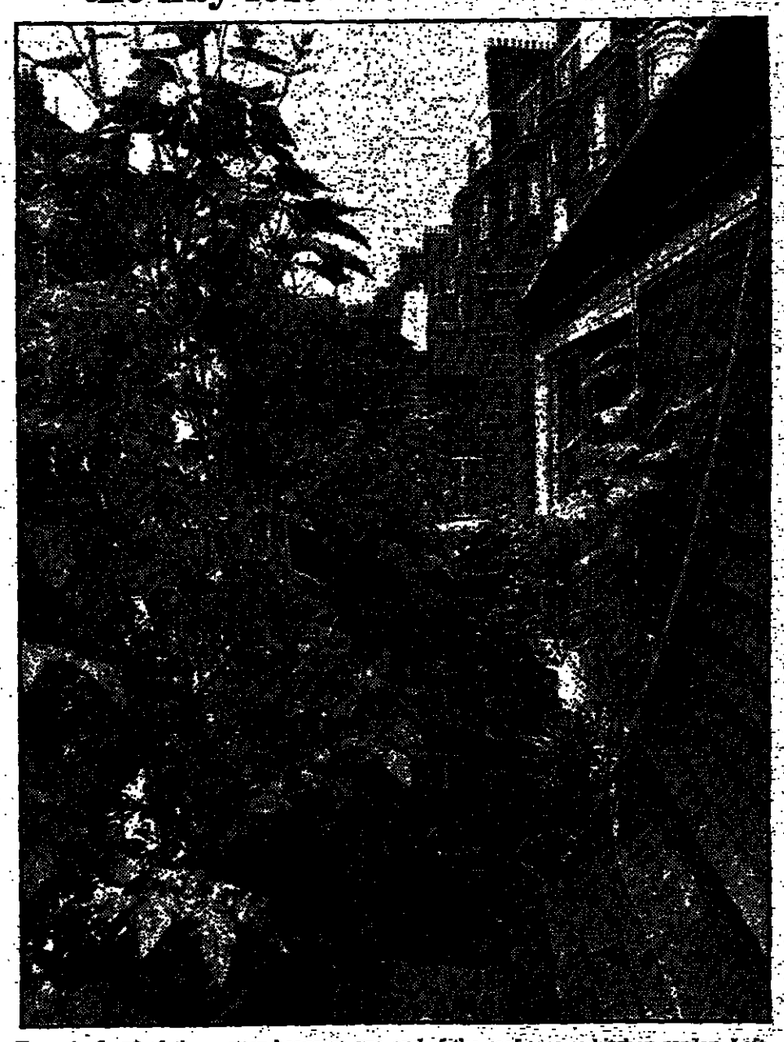
He has seen too little of Britain—this was his first visit—to comment on police attitudes over here but he was delighted by the letters he had received from serv- ing police officers in this country. "I'm flattered", he said, "to find many of them saying that my books manage to capture the flavour of their experience of police work."

His own personal plans are now fluid to the extreme. "Before I became a novelist, almost by accident, I used to plan my life for years ahead. Now I'm happy to see my way through a day." He feels its time for a major change and is already in the process of selling his home in San Marino, California.

One thought is to move the family, lock, stock and typewriter to Honolulu but he preserves a wide-open mind. London under the benign influence of a California- style heatwave was looking particularly lovely to Wambaugh's highly-trained and discriminating eye. "Maybe", he said, "we should move here." Let's hope so.

Lewis Chester

Growing vegetables in the roof trough outside the hay loft



From in front of the runner beans at one end of the roof terrace kitchen garden. Left, tomatoes and cucumber. Herbs, more tomatoes and oleander lead towards the perpetual spinach at the far end.

Having confessed last Tuesday to the building of a patio, I must also own to having wanted still more garden and to creating a roof terrace. My bedroom, formerly the hayloft of a mews building, had outside it a narrow run of roof between the sloping tiles beneath my window and that of the adjoining bath- room. A wall about 2½ feet high was beyond it—the continuation of the house wall in front of what had once been the fixing hook for raising the hay. The wall was wide, with a stone parapet about 13 inches wide.

For some years, I grew vegetables in the trough of the roof, climbing in and out of the window to tend each plant. It was laborious and only relatively productive, I had plenty of cucumbers and tomatoes, but it was difficult and messy.

First, I had my bedroom wall removed, windows and all. I replaced it with sliding glass windows, framed with satin *aluminium, so the entire front of my bed-* room is now glass. I had strong rails, about *four feet high, put into the brickwork on* the front of the house, so that the parapet *was now surrounded and therefore able to* act as a pot-holding ledge, safely guarded by the railing. The cost was nearly £700, including roof reinforcement.

Along the parapet, I ranged the many pots that had once filled the patio, now converted to a new splendour and no longer in need of pots. The roof space between my new, straight, windowed wall and the parapet wall was now six feet. It was not possible to remove all the sloping part of the roof in case the sup- ports were weakened. As a result, though wide in front of my bedroom window, the roof path is narrow below the window of the bathroom.

I put long but fairly narrow boxes along it, for the herb garden. Low, and of terra- cotta, they were once very cheap at the equivalent of 50p but now cost anything from £1 to £2 according to size. The oblong shape looks nice, the drainage is good and they are ideal for herbs. One has to limit the range according to the space so I stick to applemint, parsley, lemon thyme, sage, chives and dutch onions (a thicker chive which gives leaves in winter too).

At each end, fixed to the side of the house itself, I have a trellis in a fan shape. One, this year, grew runner beans with great success and I eat them with infinite pleasure. But, next year, it will have cucumbers. The reason is that I have found Kaga and Kyoto cucumbers, raised from seed, such strong, aggressive and fertile plants that I regret having put them into large pots up on the para- pet. Not for any other reason than that each plant has had to be pinched out and stopped when only four feet high or I would never be able to reach the tops to pick the cucumbers. So these tall, entwining cucumber plants can have the tall trellises and their feet in pots upon the ground next year.

In a sheltered but sunny part of the roof terrace, which faces south, I grow pimentoes and have already frozen more portions of Gazpacho even than we have eaten, which is saying much. That is rather wasteful of fresh pimento as the crispness of my juicy home-grown peppers makes them more ideal for salads and other dishes than for purée or soup. How- ever, there have been so many tomatoes and cucumbers, amounting to glut, that it seemed like a good idea.

I have this year tried four types of tomato, remembering that roof terraces or high balcony gardens get a good deal of wind. I have thrown away the books as far as training them is concerned and fol- lowed European practices because there is enough light and heat on my southerly terrace to make the conditions almost Mediterranean.

All the tomato plants have been allowed to bush to a great extent. The French Cross, very much a cordon tomato on which all side shoot are ruthlessly nipped, gave me the earliest fruit—in the begin- ning of July, which is excellent for out- door varieties. It also gave me what I think is the most delicious fruit—slightly sharp and acid, yet juicy. I kept each to a single cordon up to the first truss, then I encouraged a side shoot to become a second cordon. At the second truss on each cordon, I began to encourage judici- ous bushing, cutting out some side shoots and keeping those which would result in really bushy shrubs. All were stopped at about four feet high (they were in pots on top of the parapet). The same treatment, but with a little less bushing, was applied to the Alicantes. In both cases, results have been excellent and I am delighted with the yield. There have been neither pests nor troubles.

The other tomato plants have been Sea- *ford Abundance and Pixies. Early in the* season the Sleafords seemed to have all *the honours, with prolific trusses and* masses of fruit. On the whole, however, *the fruit is not as good as that of the* French Cross or the Alicante. Many of *the tomatoes are small, but none the worse* for that. But they lack firmness, and I *like tomatoes really firm. The Pixies have* been very good indeed. Coming on a bit later than the Sleafords, they have become just as prolific and I have rooted off some *side shoots, especially from near the* bottom of each plant, to see how long these last in pots in warm windows during the winter. The Pixie is fleshy and of good flavour, easy to cut for salads or decoration. But I shall go for more French Cross and Alicante next year. Money- maker is boring, to my palate, and Amateur also has little flavour.

However, tastes in tomatoes are strictly personal, and the same is true of cucum- bers. The Kaga and Kyoto breeds are long, ripe and juicy. The skins of these out- door cucumbers are tough and I therefore peel them which I never do with green- house cucumbers. Another good cucumber variety is the Carters Outdoor. The fruits are short and pudgy but ripen fast, and are really juicy although the seeds tend to be large.

Amid the vegetables are cuttings of foreign imports which have rooted over here—roofs can be sunny as well as pro- tected and I bring the pots indoors to bathroom and bedroom during the winter. Stalks of oleander, hibiscus (a lovely blue one) and bougainvillea have come back with me from Corfu and grown into shrubs in London.

Drainage is important, less so than in shady patios, for the sun and wind soon dry out rooftop pots. Watering needs to be easy. Never try to build a roof garden unless you can use a hose. Settle for a few pots if you need to carry watering cans up to each plant. My terrace is reached by a hose on the bathroom tap run through the window. The end of the hose has a spreading fan so that the water droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven and I keep the foliage as sprinkled as the earth.

Rain rarely penetrates foliage to the earth beneath, so feel the earth in pots before deciding not to water. *Too little* water encourages the roots to climb to the sur- face where they may be burned by the sun.

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Racing

Music Boy responds generously to Seagrave's final call

By Michael Seely

Music Boy struck another resounding blow for Yorkshire-trained horses when winning the C and G Gimcrack Stakes at York yesterday afternoon. After the success of Dakota in Europe's richest handicap here on Wednesday, the Northern flag continues to fly high with the victory of Music Boy, trained by Snowy Wainwright at Malton.

Ridden to perfection by Johnny Seagrave, who knows the horse so well, Music Boy waited in front of a tightly-packed group which included Donald Young, Early Dawn and Woodsome. Two furlongs out the 6-5 favourite Galway Bay started to move up with Piggott exuding confidence, but Seagrave played his trump card and asked Music Boy for a final effort. The colt quickened almost at once and shot three lengths clear of his rivals.

Though tiring at the finish his crucial burst of speed had won him the race and he passed the post a length in front of the fast-finishing Stand to Reason with Galway Bay, who had failed to quicken when urged, a head further away third.

The only hard luck stories in the race concerned Stand to Reason, who was hampered and lost several lengths at the start, and Delta Song, who was nearly knocked over leaving the stalls. But nothing can detract from the merit of Music Boy's triumph, which certainly justified Wainwright's burning faith in his brilliantly-fast colt.

Music Boy has tasted defeat only once in six outings. That was when he was beaten by Royal Boy at the York spring meeting. Wainwright was outspoken at the time in his criticism of Lester Piggott's handling of Music Boy as he considered that the jockey had failed to make the best use of Music Boy's most potent weapon, his blinding speed.

Seagrave certainly gave an object lesson in how to exploit this asset to telling advantage yesterday. Music Boy is a magnificent strong-built colt by Jukebox out of the Matador mare, Veronique. Bred by the late Mrs Rosamond Cookson at Corbridge, Music Boy looked every inch a top-class sprinter.

Wainwright's main doubt concerning yesterday's race had been whether the two-year-old would last home the six furlongs. Although he stayed the distance well enough he would have been an even more decisive winner at five furlongs, and it is difficult to see Music Boy staying the Rowley Mile next Spring. His next race is likely to be the Flying Childers, a Group One race run over five furlongs at the Doncaster St Leger meeting.

Music Boy is the first horse Wainwright has trained for Ken Mackey, a meat importer from Doncaster. Mr Mackey had instructed Wainwright to go up to 5,000 guineas to buy him as a yearling, so after paying only 1,800 guineas he must be well satisfied. Mr Mackey has recently purchased the Cheveley Park Stud near Newmarket and Wainwright is to move to Suffolk to train there at the end of the current season.

It is a reflection on the ups and downs of the racing game when you consider that only 12 months ago Wainwright, frustrated by rising costs and labour troubles, had virtually decided to give up training. There was certainly nothing wrong with the form of yesterday's race as Music Boy had been conceding Stand to Reason 7lb when beating that two-year-old a short head at Ascot. Similarly Donald Young, fourth in the Gimcrack, had finished two lengths behind Stand to Reason at Goodwood.

Barry Hills announced Stand to Reason as a likely runner for the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp in September, leaving his stable companion, Solitary Hail, considered superior to Stand to Reason, at home to tilt at the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster.

Although the Kings Stand Stakes winner, Flirting Around, now retired to stud in South Africa, is undoubtedly the sprinting star of the year, in his absence the accolade must inevitably go for the second year running to Bay Express, who got the better of a driving finish with Willy Willy and Polly Peachum for the Nunthorpe Stakes.

Yesterday's result certainly speaks volumes for Bay Express's toughness. Last time I was at Goodwood he had been narrowly and unluckily beaten by Auction Ring and Hot Spark, conceding them both more than weight for age. Yet yesterday both the latter pair failed dismally.

His trainer, Peter Nelson, pointed out afterwards that apart from the Kings Stand Stakes, Bay Express had been competing with his rivals on unfavourable terms as far as weight is concerned this season. Yesterday's race was the only other occasion that he had been meeting them on level terms.



Music Boy, ridden by Johnny Seagrave, winning the Gimcrack Stakes at York yesterday.

A weekend at Goodwood to test form and quality

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It would be wrong to expect anything of the quality of York at either Goodwood or Newmarket this afternoon but Goodwood tomorrow will be playing host to the Waterford Glass Company who have sponsored three races. With the Chesterfield Cup and the March Stakes which afford potential St Leger candidates practice over a mile and threequarters also included on the card, tomorrow promises to be an enjoyable occasion. Goodwood used to become notoriously firm in the summer but they now possess a sophisticated watering system. The rain which fell there on Wednesday will have helped to ensure that the course will ride like a spongy carpet this weekend.

Tomorrow's racing has been built around the Waterford Crystal Mile, the Waterford Candelabra Stakes and the Waterford Rosebowl Handicap, the last of which is for women riders. Two talented three-year-old fillies, Rosebowl and Roussalka, are earmarked for the Waterford Mile which is the main race of the day. I learnt yesterday that Gay Fandango, Vincent O'Brien's colt who won the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot, will definitely take them on. O'Brien thought about running Gay Fandango in the Prix Quincey at Deauville on the following day but he has finally come down in favour of Goodwood.

Caucasus, another member of O'Brien's talented team of three-year-olds, is a definite starter for the March Stakes. Caucasus has not been beaten this season. Before the Waterford Candelabra Stakes, all eyes are likely to be on Polygamy's young half sister Bedfellow, who made such an encouraging start to her racing career when she won her first and only race so far at Goodwood three weeks ago. Not that she will be the only promising filly in the field. There will be others. But more of that tomorrow.

The most valuable race at Goodwood today is the Bentinck Stakes which has been shortened this year from two miles and three furlongs, its distance always in the past, to a mile and a half. The executive will be pleased with their experiment but Round 12 of the Crown Plus Two apprentice championship promises to be a better race and with Richard Fox and Alan Bond both committed, the sponsors can also feel well pleased.

The conditions of this race suit Persian Breeze who won five races as a two-year-old. No wonder his trainer, Nigel Angus, wasted no time in asking Nicholson to let Fox ride his colt who has only 7 st 7 lb to carry this afternoon. It is in Persian Breeze's favour that he has run well at Epsom this season because the two courses are not dissimilar. Judged on his running in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot where he finished third behind Swingtime and Street Light, Our Charlie, who will be ridden by Bond, has a sound chance, but I cannot help doubting whether Our Charlie is good enough to give 10 lb to Persian Breeze. Ellora, Walk By, Bold Sage, Yonge St Clare, Hovis and Super Splash will ensure that whoever is the winner is made to work hard.

Ellora is not a familiar name. But he won two races in the United States where he was trained as a two-year-old and he ran well enough in his first race in Europe at Deauville a week ago in the race won by Street Light to suggest that Scobie Breasley ought to be capable of placing him successfully in this country. Mr Rawi Tikkoo's colours will be carried by Bold Sage as well as by Ellora. Bold Sage is a useful but luckless sprinter. He can be given much the same sort of chance as Walk By but I still prefer Persian Breeze and Our Charlie in that order.

Tiger Trail, who finished fourth in the Extel Stakes three weeks ago is my selection for the Bentinck Stakes. Pal's Bambino, who won the Craven Stakes at the start of the big meeting turns out again but even this improving colt who would have won his last five races had he not been disqualified at Salisbury, may not be able to concede this weight to Tiger Trail. Horseguards can be expected to run well now that the rain has come to ease the ground.

Nuroma, beaten a length by Counterfeit Lady over this course and distance in July is preferred to Balidale for the Drawing Room Stakes. Nuroma will be ridden by Joe Mercer who may also win the Gordon Lennox Stakes on Hill Moss, an impressive runner in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood in May.

Lester Piggott will be expected to win the Blue Peter Plate at Newmarket on Queen Anne who performed so creditably behind Inchmario at Ascot last month. Although beaten by Mid Beat at York on Tuesday Inchmario did not let the form down. Vibriato who also finished second in his first and only races, is the logical selection for the Girton Maiden Plate. It was by only a short head that he went under to the more experienced Johnny Turner at Haydock Park. Kings Bonus, who won by six lengths at Newmarket in July and then ran Blackbird so close at Nottingham, is preferred to White Hope for the Shalfleet Handicap.

At York yesterday Colonel Robin Hastings, the managing director of the British Bloodstock Agency, announced that Bustino's syndication has already been heavily over-subscribed and that successful applicants will be notified in the not too far distant future. I also learnt yesterday that Juliette Marny, who won the Oaks and the Irish Oaks but finished only third in the Yorkshire Oaks on Tuesday, has either badly bruised or chipped a bone above the coronet on her off foreleg. Either way she is unlikely to race again. This is a sad end to a good filly's racing career.

STATE OF GOING (official): Goodwood: Good to soft. Newmarket: Good. Newcastle (tomorrow): Good. Windsor (tomorrow): Good to firm. Hereford (tomorrow): Hard. Market Rasen (tomorrow): Good to firm. Cartmel (tomorrow): Good to firm.

A bargain buy brings her winnings to £18,000

Tidal Water, a bargain filly, won the Steine Nursery at Brighton yesterday to complete a treble which has netted her owner John Hill £18,000. "I've had a gamble on her on each occasion and to think she only cost me 460 guineas. I could do with a few more like her". Mr Hill, the owner, said.

Tidal Water began the sequence by winning a selling race at Bath when Matthew Delahooke was the private trainer to Mr Hill. When Delahooke retired, the owner's team of 18 was taken over by Toby Balding, who saddled the filly when she won at Bath 10 days ago. She heads for win No 4 at the Somerset course next month.

David Dineley, who recently left a factory bench to resume his riding career, gained an unchallenged victory on Fair Camilla in the Waterhall Apprentice Handicap. "I served a five years apprenticeship, then went home to Northern Ireland to work in a factory. But the call of racing was too strong and I returned to ride for Paul Cole 10 weeks ago. Since then I've had four wins", Dineley said.

Fair Camilla was paying her first visit to the winner's enclosure for two years and Cole said: "The mare broke down and was sent to stud, but failed to mate and came back to me this season".

Adopting the tactics which gained Dear Remus a short head victory at Brighton on Wednesday, Rouse brought The Nadi Royale over to the stands side on the final turn. The ploy enabled the combination to hang on by a similar distance in the Eric Simms Handicap. The Nadi Royale took over from Happy Victorious more than two furlongs out, and then withstood the sustained challenge of Lunariver in the final furlong. John Sutcliffe intends running the winner again at Sandown Park next Friday.

A plunge on Coin of Gold, backed from 5-2 to 11-10 on, was never in danger once the colt regained the lead two furlongs and a half out, then forged steadily clear to beat Galahad II by four lengths in the Race Hill Stakes. Coin of Gold cost 18,000 guineas as a foal, but was sold a year later to Clive Brittain for 6,400 guineas. The youngster was one of four he purchased for Mrs Curtis Elliot.

It was Brittain's fifteenth success of the year, well behind his usual figure as his string has been badly affected by the virus.

David Robinson, who is cutting down his interests next season, must be tempted to retain Our Sue, a filly improving with every race. Making light of a 5lb penalty picked up at Wolverhampton last Saturday, she registered her third win of the season with a smooth victory over Extrovert in the Telscombe Handicap.

Last three at Ripon

Ripon closes its flat season with three days of racing next week. On Bank Holiday Monday the feature is the Ripon Rowels Handicap on Tuesday it is the Wakeman Stayers Handicap and five days later on the Saturday pride of place goes to the Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy.

Newmarket programme

2.15 BEAUFORT HANDICAP (3-y-o: £558: 7f)

1 000-0 Etchingley (Mrs J. Burchett), G. Harwood, 9-8 .. G. Starkey 13
4 00-0001 Lucky Seventeen (C) (P. Zeisel), D. Weeden, 9-5 L. Piggott 4
6 004-000 Celtic Rose (M. Banks), J. Powney, 9-3 ...... M. Kettle 5
7 0-00002 Mainstreet (D. Sieff), G. P.-Gordon, 9-3 ...... M. Thomas 17
8 000-001 Calmin (C) (L. Peters), A. Dalton, 9-1 ...... B. Raymond 9
10 2-02000 Step Softly (V. Foy), D. Thom, 8-11 ...... W. Carson 3
11 0-04301 Jack Jiggs (D) (P. Saunders), B. Wise, 8-11 .... — 10
12 20-0000 Attymon Beauty (D) (V. Kilkenny), P. Cole, 8-10 D. Dinsley 7 12
13 302442 Here Comes Charlie (T. Corbett), Corbett, 8-10 .. L. Wargen 8
16 242013 White Emperor (P. Taylor), R. Hollinshead, 8-7 .. K. Lewis 4
17 000422 Kinsore (D. Buttery), J. W. Watts, 8-5 ...... J. Lowe 7
18 200020 Cobber (K. Purnell), H. Smyth, 8-5 ...... G. Lewis 16
19 000000 Lady Samantha (G. Blum), Blum, 8-1 ...... G. Duffield 11
20 0000 Sunrise Sunset (Mrs M. Samuelson), P. Robinson, 8-1 E. Eldin 15
21 30-0000 Balsan (J. Foulds), D. Thom, 8-0 ...... T. McKeown 2
22 001000 Havaglass (W. Hewitt), R. C. Ward, 7-12 ...... G. Baxter 1
23 000000 Drumadell (G. Gladstone), R. Hollinshead, 7-9 M. Wigham 7 6

4-1 Calmin, 11-2 Kinsore, 7-1 Jack Jiggs, Mainstreet, Here Comes Charlie, 10-1 White Emperor, Lucky Seventeen, 12-1 Sunrise Sunset, Cobber, 14-1 Attymon Beauty, 16-1 others.

2.45 GIRTON PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 5f)

3 0 Kellystown (Lt-Col R. Byers), B. Hobbs, 9-0 ..... L. Piggott 10
5 Mr Metal (J. Deen), J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 ...... B. Rouse 3
6 0 Olde Yank (A. Block), R. Davies, 9-0 ...... P. Madden 5
7 2 Vibriato (H. Zeisel), B. Hills, 9-0 ...... W. Carson 6
9 0 Zebak (J. Martin), H. Wragg, 9-0 ...... G. Starkey 14
10 Floral Royal (Exors of the late Mrs Wellhag), R. Armstrong, 8-11 B. Raymond 11
11 Jan Marie (R. Green), R. Armstrong, 8-11 12
12 Lace Basket (Mrs S. Beatty), N. Murless, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 2
13 0 Margaret Street (Mrs J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-11 P. Young 5 4
14 300 Preference (Sir G. Glover), T. Waugh, 8-11 ...... M. Kettle 13
15 20 Queens Messenger (Sir R. Cohen), G. Smyth, 8-11 E. Eldin 9
16 Runner (Mrs R. Graham), W. Stephenson, 8-11 .. S. Hives 7 15
17 04 Silver Yarrow (Lady Durham), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 D. Maitland 7
19 Upanishad (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 8-11 G. Baxter 8
20 Welver Valley (H. Strangward), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 1

11-10 Vibriato, 7-2 Kellystown, 6-1 Floral Royal, 8-1 Zebak, Lace Basket, 10-1 Queens Messenger, 12-1 others.

3.15 BERESFORD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £731: 1¼m)

3 3310-00 Desert Flame (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 9-6 .... G. Baxter 7
5 111-024 Estructura (Dr J. Hernandez), G. P.-Gordon, 9-2 .. E. Eldin 6
10 00-0032 Pure Magic (L. Thoday), J. Winter, 8-9 ...... L. Piggott 2
12 000002 French Harmony (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-4 T. McKeown 3
17 110202 Tornado Prince (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 7-13 .. W. Carson 4
19 040223 Five Card Stud (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 7-9 .. G. Duffield 1
20 010032 Anchovy Toast (G. Bliss), R. Jarvis, 7-8 ...... M. Thomas 5

3-1 Estructura, 4-1 French Harmony, Desert Flame, 11-2 Tornado Prince, 8-1 Five Card Stud, Anchovy Toast, 10-1 Pure Magic.

3.45 BLUE PETER PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 6f)

5 Dikusa (H. Kloutidaris), C. Brittain, 8-11 ...... — 13
10 Havacrack (Mrs J. Sheddan), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .. B. Raymond 12
12 La Deux (S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 ...... B. Rouse 5
13 0 Nation Wide (H. Wragg), Wragg, 8-11 ...... G. Starkey 3
16 0 Princely (R. Clifford-Turner), M. Stoute, 8-11 .. G. Sexton 11
17 Prince Murdoc (Mrs P. Burrell), N. Murless, 8-11 G. Lewis 4
18 River Ward (Mrs J. Benskin), J. Bethell, 8-11 .. G. Duffield 1
20 Tutorial (G. Turner), R. Armstrong, 8-11 .. A. Kimberley 2
21 Cliveden Reach (Mrs Abel Smith), B van Cutsem, 8-8 W. Carson 10
24 2 Queen Anne (Ld Carnarvon), P. Nelson, 8-8 .. L. Piggott 6
25 0 Roaring Maggs (L. Gilbey), L. Walker, 8-8 ...... R. Cade 7 7
26 Solecism (Mrs E. Culley), R. Jarvis, 8-8 ...... M. Thomas 8

Evens Queen Anne, 4-1 Prince Murdoc, 11-2 Nation Wide, 7-1 Princely, 10-1 Havacrack, 12-1 Dikusa, 14-1 others.

4.15 SHALFLEET HANDICAP (£991: 6f)

2 003033 White Hope (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-9-10 B. Raymond 8
3 040012 Kings Bonus (CD) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-8 K. Lewis 5 2
4 20300-3 The Old Pretender (D) (B. Armstrong), Armstrong, 4-9-5 E. Eldin 4
5 001000 Blues Again (D) (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 3-9-4 W. Somerville 7 6
6 21-020 Pleasure Lane (D) (Mrs L. Schwitzer jun), R. Armstrong, 3-9-4 L. Piggott 7
9 114010 Boundless (D) (J. Green), G. P.-Hoblyn, 6-9-0 G. Lewis 1
10 1-34200 Kiyoswanee (C) (D) (F. Iso), J. Winter, 4-8-11 W. Carson 3
12 000020 Candles (O. Bann), J. Powney, 3-8-7 ...... M. Kettle 9
13 233-000 Great Charter (CD) (Mrs E. Culley), R. Jarvis, 7-8-6 M. Thomas 5

11-4 Kings Bonus, 7-2 Pleasure Lane, 4-1 White Hope, 6-1 Boundless, 10-1 The Old Pretender, Kiyoswanee, 12-1 others.

4.45 WAVERTREE PLATE (3-y-o fillies: £518: 1¼m)

1 2-0031 Bally's Gift (D) (L. Freedman), N. Murless, 9-2 .. G. Lewis 1
2 11 Jujube (Lord H. de Walden), H. Cecil, 9-2 .... L. Piggott 7
3 03221 La Meme (J. Astor), Astor, 9-2 ...... E. Eldin 3
5 001 Pavement Artist (D) (H. Thomson Jones), Thomson Jones, 9-2 A. Kimberley 7
14 2 Queens Sanctuary (Mrs J. Benskin), J. Bethell, 8-11 W. Carson 5
18 00 Scarlet Woman (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 8-11 B. Raymond 8
19 00-04 Taipo Belle (F. Zimmern), R. Jarvis, 8-11 ...... M. Thomas 2
20 00-0033 Winning Look (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 4

2-1 Jujube, 7-2 Bally's Gift, 5-1 Pavement Artist, 7-1 La Meme, Winning Look, 10-1 Queens Sanctuary, 12-1 Taipo Belle, 16-1 Scarlet Woman.

Goodwood programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races]

2.0 DRAWING ROOM STAKES (2-y-o: £678: 5f)

1 41 Communicant (D) (J. Bosley), E. Turnell, 9-5 .. R. Fox 5 8
2 0041 Crusty Shah (D) (P. Cameron), N. Angus, 9-5 A. Murray 12
3 41 Balidale (D) (Ld Clinton), P. Walwyn, 9-2 .... P. Eddery 7
5 04 Bowling Alley (C. Leader), G. Smyth, 9-0 .... P. Waldron 2
6 00 Grey Mountain (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 9-0 R. Marshall 6
9 04 Raffvider (A. Stevens), Stevens, 9-0 .... S. Perks 10
10 St Torbay (Mary Lady Delamere), W. Stephenson, 9-0 D. Ryan 1
11 00 Time City (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-0 ...... F. Durr 5
13 Yellow Coil (Mrs F. Nagle), Mrs Nagle, 9-0 .... A. Bond 4
14 Bois le Duc (J. Slaytor), P. Ashworth, 8-11 .. R. Berry 7 9
16 402 Hot Bird (Sir R. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 8-11 .... P. Cook 11
17 02 Nuroma (Mrs G. Small), W. Wightman, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 3

11-4 Balidale, 3-1 Crusty Shah, 4-1 Communicant, 5-1 Hot Bird, 6-1 Nuroma, 16-1 Raffvider, 20-1 others.

2.30 COWDRAY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £800: 6f)

3 21 Peta (D) (T. Rootes), P. Walwyn, 8-10 ...... P. Eddery 1
5 303100 Yunkel (Sir J. Cohen), R. Smyth, 8-10 .... P. Cheese 7 10
6 31 Baffin (Mrs P. Linders), J. Dunlop, 8-9 Ron Hutchinson 2
8 013003 Positive Dream (A. Katz), W. Marshall, 8-7 .. R. Marshall 9
11 02311 Trample (R. Morley), F. Maxwell, 8-2 ...... R. Fox 5 8
12 00404 Topi (Miss P. Major), H. Smyth, 8-0 .... A. Bond 6
13 21220 The Headman (B. Barnett), B. Swift, 8-0 ...... P. Cook 7
14 030 Saint Mercade (Dr C. Norman-Williams), S. Woodman, 7-10 T. Cain 3 3
16 0004 Golden Jay (J. Beazley), P. Cundell, 7-3 ...... D. Cullen 4
17 023 Chatillon (C. Spencer), G. Smyth, 7-2 .. C. Rodrigues 5 4

7-2 Trample, 4-1 Peta, 11-2 Baffin, Yunkel, 7-1 The Headman, 8-1 Positive Dream, 10-1 Golden Jay, 14-1 Topi, 16-1 others.

3.0 BENTINCK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,668: 1½m)

2 341111 Pal's Bambino (CD) (R. Muddle), B. Hanbury, 9-5 R. Muddle 7 1
3 114000 Horseguards (D) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 9-3 ...... Ron Hutchinson 2
5 221-00 Caesar's Flame (C) (F. Monro), W. Wightman, 8-9 .... — 3
6 030112 Fiery Ring (D) (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-5 J. Mercer 5
8 120-110 Golden Charles (D) (C. Olley), H. Price, 8-3 A. Murray 6
9 03-1414 Tiger Trail (H. Joel), N. Murless, 8-2 .. R. Wernham 5 4

5-2 Pal's Bambino, 11-4 Tiger Trail, 3-1 Golden Charles, 11-2 Fiery Ring, 10-1 Horseguards, 12-1 Caesar's Flame.

3.30 CROWN PLUS TWO APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP (£918: 6f)

4 110000 Super Splash (D) (Mrs S. Pendock), J. Dunlop, 4-8-12 D. Gillespie 10
6 000204 Hovis (CD) (Sir M. Turner), R. Smyth, 5-8-8 .. P. Cheese 5 9
7 020200 Sailor's Frolic (D) (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 4-8-8 A. Major 7 6
8 211033 Yonge St Clare (D) (Dr T. Molony), W. Wharton, 4-8-8 W. Wharton 5 8
9 422022 Far Cry (F. Holland), S. Woodman, 4-8-5 .. I. Johnson 7
10 102303 Bold Sage (D) (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 3-8-3 .. S. Cottis 4
12 Ellora (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 3-8-2 .... R. Wernham 11
14 113-013 Our Charlie (D) (C. Withall), J. Holt, 5-8-3 .... A. Bond 6
20 1-30403 Persian Breeze (G. McCormick), N. Angus, 3-7-10 R. Fox 1
22 00 Talarea (Mrs H. Collins), M. Masson, 3-7-7 .... J. Rowe 5 2
23 000204 Walk By (D) (Mrs F. Fleetwood-Hesketh), W. Wightman, 3-7-7 ...... T. O'Sullivan 5 3

6-4 Persian Breeze, 5-1 Yonge St Clare, 6-1 Hovis, 8-1 Walk By, 12-1 Bold Sage, Far Cry, 14-1 Our Charlie, 16-1 Ellora, Super Splash, 20-1 others.

4.0 GORDON-LENNOX STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £648: 1m)

2 02-0400 Adorable Princess (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-11 A. Murray 7
3 0-00304 Alison's Jewel (Mrs G. Jackson), R. Turnell, 8-11 R. Fox 5 6
5 Crackle (S. Digby), W. Wightman, 8-11 .... C. Francois 3
8 00-0000 Extol (Mrs G. Miller), W. Wightman, 8-11 .... — 2
10 0-30002 Gentle Melody (B. Francis), G. Harwood, 8-11 .. K. Smith 7 5
11 00-00 Hill Moss (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-11 ...... J. Mercer 4
12 40 La Grange (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 8
16 00-0240 Roche Noire (Mrs G. Paterson), J. Winter, 8-11 A. Bond 1

2-1 La Grange, 3-1 Gentle Melody, 7-2 Hill Moss, 13-2 Roche Noire, 10-1 Alison's Jewel, 12-1 Adorable Princess, 20-1 others.

4.30 COUNTERS GATE STAKES (3-y-o: £698: 7f)

3 0-02230 Astor Bey (H. Kean), A. Pitt, 9-0 .... B. Jago 6
7 000030 Highest (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Mercer 1
9 0-02003 Humpty Dumpty (J. Thursby), J. Dunlop, 9-0 D. Gillespie 5 3
10 030-000 John McNab (Maj C. Nathan), W. Wightman, 9-0 A. Murray 7
15 030220 Vilgora (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 9-0 ...... S. Perks 5
21 0-0000 Jaguar (A. Ross), G. Smyth, 8-11 ...... P. Waldron 4
28 34-0000 Two Good (E. Holland-Martin), R. Houghton, 8-11 F. Morby 8

Evens Highest, 7-2 Humpty Dumpty, 6-1 Astor Bey, 7-1 Vilgora, 10-1 Two Good, 14-1 others.

Goodwood selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Nuroma. 2.30 Yunkel. 3.0 Tiger Trail. 3.30 Persian Breeze. 4.0 Hill Moss. 4.30 Astor Boy.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.15 Mainstreet. 2.45 Vibriato. 3.15 Anchovy Toast. 3.45 QUEEN ANNE is specially recommended. 4.15 King's Bonus. 4.45 Jujube.

York results

2.0 (2.1) PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (2-y-o: £1,680: 5f)

Petipa, b f, by Habitat—Twaddle II (Mrs K. Mullion), 8-8 C. Roche (11-4) 1
Alacriter, b f, by Mountain Call—Rubella (N. Phillips), 8-8 J. Mercer (4-6 fav) 2
Major John, b c, by Majority Blue—Amanda Jane (C. Wiggins), 8-11 R. Marshall (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 40-1 Golden Zucchio. 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; forecast, 62p. 5l, 5l. P. J. Prendergast, Ireland. 59.60 sec.

2.35 (2.37) CITY OF YORK STAKES (2-y-o handicap: £1,848: 5f)

Spanish Air, b c, by Tudor Melody—Lerida (Sir B. Macdonald-Buchanan), 9-0 G. Lewis (11-4 fav) 1
Virginia Wade, gr f, by Virginia Boy—Firenza Mia (J. Astaire), 8-9 ...... R. Wernham (7-2) 2
Pink Nota, b c, by Communication—Pink Shantung (Mrs H. van der Ploeg), 7-7 D. Cullen (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mabruk, 13-2 Panoraim (4th), 15-1 Cereum, 16-1 Panglima, Prima Magi, 20-1 Meadlands, Sunset Song, 25-1 Lone Drop, 33-1 Utray Harry, Carburton. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 16p, 17p, 29p. 1½l, ½l. N. Murless, Newmarket. 1min 00.14sec.

3.10 (3.13) MELROSE STAKES (3-y-o handicap: £2,922: 1m 6f)

Kung Fu, ch c, by Hul-A-Hul—Timeless (D. Robinson), 9-4 B. Raymond (11-1) 1
Stamen, b c, by Ridan—Peony (Mrs F. Bierer), 9-7 G. Baxter (7-1) 2
Sweet Joe, ch g, by Joe Price—Honey's Flight (M. Ritzenburg), 8-11 ...... F. Durr (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Sir Daniel (fav), 13-2 Domitor, Rodado, 11-1 Summer Day, 12-1 Gurney Slade (4th), 14-1 Laurus, 25-1 Hollow Laughter, 33-1 Maris Piper. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 92p; places, 28p, 30p, 26p. M. Jarvis, Newmarket. 1l, 6l. 2min 57.06sec.

3.40 (3.51) GIMCRACK STAKES (2-y-o: £18,339: 6f)

Music Boy, ch c, by Jukebox—Veronique (K. Mackey), 9-0 J. Seagrave (14-1) 1
Stand To Reason, br c, by The Brianstan—The Advocator (Lord Ranfurly) 9-0 W. Carson (11-1) 2
Galway Bay, b c, by Sassafras—Windjammer (J. Mullion) 9-0 L. Piggott (6-5 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Delta Song, 9-1 Super Cavalier, 15-1 Paris, 16-1 Early Dawn, 20-1 Thieving Demon, Woodsome, Pigsticker, 25-1 Donald Young (4th), 33-1 Hittite Glory, 66-1 Ammun Ra, Noble Gunner. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 21p, 21p, 15p. 1l, hd. 1min 12.46sec. S. Wainwright, at Malton.

4.10 (4.20) NUNTHORPE STAKES (£7,056: 5f)

Bay Express, b c, by Polyfoto—Pal Sinna (C. Cooper), 4-9-7 W. Carson (100-30) 1
Willy Willy, b f, by Whistling Wind—Milly (Dr C. Kuhlmann) 4-9-4 ...... A. Murray (16-1) 2
Polly Peachum, b f, by Singing Strand—Bolton Girl (Mrs A. Mears) 4-9-4 B. Raymond (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 Hot Spark (fav), 5-1 Roman Warrior (4th), 15-2 Auction Ring, 9-1 Sky Commander, 13-1 Harem, 25-1 African Winner, 50-1 Clear Melody. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 20p, 42p, 27p; dual forecast, £3.87. 1l, ½l. 58.99sec. P. Nelson, at Lambourn.

4.40 (4.49) GALTRES STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £2,420: 1½m)

Lucky For Me, b f, by Appiani II—Lucky Day (Miss C. Hall-Dare), 8-9 ...... A. Murray (15-1) 1
Curtains, b f, by Busted—Last Call (T. Egerton), 8-9 J. Mercer (5-2 fav) 2
Music Ville, b f, by Charlottesville—Meadow Music (Mrs Parker Poe), 8-9 .. C. Roche (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Misoptimist, Folled Again, 10-1 Vanca, 14-1 Layanda, Mumtaz Princess, 25-1 Ashling's Lass, 33-1 African Star, Bainspick, Nigella, Damascena, Silk Rain (4th), Incognita. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £3.48; places, 66p, 19p, 17p. 1l, 2l. 2min 30.74sec. C. Collins, in Ireland.

5.10 (5.14) GREAT YORKSHIRE STAKES (Handicap: £1,784: 1m 1f)

Dance All Night, b f, by Double-U-Jay—Pretty Show (Miss C. Hall-Dare), 4-8-1 W. Carson (11-1) 1
Gracious Melody, b h, by Golden Horus—Esconaba (Mrs J. Park), 5-8-6 ...... A. Barclay (5-2) 2
Two and a Quarter, ch g, by Shooting Chant—Nailing (J. Warsing), 4-8-0 E. Johnson (17-2) 3
ALSO RAN: Evens Slim Jim (4th), 7-1 Sweet Reclaim. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 70p; forecast with Gracious Melody, £1.08. Two and a quarter, £1.88. 1l, dead-heat. 1min 52.04sec. W. Elsey, at Malton.

TOTE DOUBLE: Kung Fu, Bay Express, £21. TREBLE: Spanish Air, Music Boy, Lucky For Me, £828.80. JACKPOT: Not won. Consolation dividend £246.80 paid on first four legs.

Brighton

2.0 (2.0) WATERHALL STAKES (£536: 1m 2f)

Fair Camilla, b m, by Tiger—Monamolin (J. Manley), 7-8-6 D. Dineley (11-4 jt fav) 1
Lily Augusta, b f, by Typhoon—Utter Violet (L. Sewell), 3-8-0 C. Nutter (100-30) 2
Give Me Time, b g, by Birdbrook—Lady Magistrate (Miss T. Macdonald), 4-8-8 P. Cheese (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Star of Baghdad (jt fav) (4th), 15-2 Pick Me, 14-1 Long Bowman, 33-1 Hatfield Heath. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 17p, 17p; dual forecast, 44p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 10l, 1½l. 2min 10.47sec.

2.30 (2.33) RACE HILL STAKES (2-y-o: £730: 7f)

Coin of Gold, ch c, by Welsh Pageant—Mesopotamia (Mrs C. Elliott), 9-0 A. Bond (10-11) 1
Galahad II, ch c, by Gala Performance—Nymphea (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), 9-0 M. Germon (9-1) 2
Ribarbara, b c, by Charlottown—Ribasha (P. Napolitano), 9-0 G. Sexton (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Brompton Square, 7-1 Flight Sergeant (4th), 10-1 Baljoon, 16-1 Lucky Nickmooch, 33-1 Appleford, Elsion Prince, Past History. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 20p, 30p; dual forecast, 52p. C. Brittain, at Newmarket. 4l, ½l. 1min 27.88sec.

3.0 (3.1) ERIC SIMMS HANDICAP (£1,116: 1m)

The Nadi Royale, gr c, by My Swanee—Bamford Queen (S. Powell), 4-7-11 B. Rouse (5-1) 1
Lunariver, b h, by Forlorn River—Lunar Princess (W. Jones), 5-7-11 .... J. Lynch (4-1 jt fav) 2
Step Ahead, b c, by Continuation—Schull (Mrs D. Anderson), 4-9-13 .... R. Edmondson (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Colonel Nelson (jt fav), Happy Victorious, 13-2 Sceptred Isle (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 28p, 21p; forecast, £1.55. J. Sutcliffe, at Epsom. Sh hd, 6l. 1min 38.81sec.

3.30 (3.32) STEINE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £790: 7f)

Tidal Water, ch f, by High Line—Kotiyah (C. Hill) 7-1 D. McKay (13-8 fav) 1
Claire Canasta, ch f, by Silly Season—Canasta Girl (N. Phillips) 8-13 .. A. Bond (9-2) 2
Kings Fire, b c, by Kings Leap—Fire Bell (E. Hill) 8-6 Ron Hutchinson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Metise, 15-2 Proud Felix, 8-1 Heaven Knows, 16-1 Dreaming (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 18p, 17p; dual forecast, 36p. 6l, 1½l. 1min 27.64sec. G. Balding, at Weyhill.

4.0 (4.1) TELSCOMBE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £818: 1½m)

Our Sue, ch f, by Reform—Red Sunset III (D. Robinson) 8-11 J. Lynch (9-2) 1
Extrovert, b c, by Bon Mot II—Exhibition (H. Seymour) 9-7 Ron Hutchinson (2-1 fav) 2
Crazy Horse, b g, by Jukebox—French Doll (R. Weston) 7-11 J. Reid (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Be Gay, 7-1 Palling Gold, 12-1 Melody Byrde, Oh Alain, Sayonara, 20-1 Oliver Cromwell. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 16p, 14p, 24p; dual forecast, 55p. 4l, 4l. 2min 36.40sec. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket.

4.30 (4.32) KEMP TOWN STAKES (£602: 5f 66yd)

Baby Blair, b c, by Forlorn River—Parthise (C. Gavenia) 5-8-4 ...... P. Cheese (13-2) 1
Fort Henry, gr c, by Henry the Seventh—Greytime (J. Parsons), 5-8-12 ...... I. Johnson (7-1) 2
Aspara, ch f, by Crimson Satan—Courtaulds (R. Tikkoo) 3-8-9 Ron Hutchinson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 Micted (fav), 15-2 Boscobel, 9-1 Sonsecahray, 12-1 Sunny Bloom, 14-1 Hot Beat, 20-1 Charlet Belle, Rimbo, 33-1 Le Baudrier, Three-One-Three, Brave Dan (4th), Belle of Aberdeen, Petingalyn, Richardis, Right On, Turk, Warm Reception. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 30p, 34p, 36p. Nk, 3l. 1min 05.95sec. R. Smyth, at Epsom.

TOTE DOUBLE: The Nadi Royale, Our Sue, £9.00. TREBLE: Coin of Gold, Tidal Water, Baby Blair, £14.55.

Devon and Exeter

2.15 (2.15) COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m 3f)

Bybrook, br m, by Border Chief—Bonbridge (Mrs M. Parks), 7-11-7 .. Mr A. Wilson (2-5 fav) 1
Steamer, ch h, by Larkspur—Mahonia (E. Bevan), 7-10-0 Mr G. Jones (12-1) 2
At Last, ch g, by Vulgan—Sheila Ryan (Mrs E. Tapiin), 9-10-8 Mr M. Reeves (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-1 Bishop Burton ran out, 25-1 Woodside (pu), Tanville Lad (pu). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11p, 69p; forecast, £1.23. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 1½l, 6l.

2.45 (2.46) HEAVITREE HURDLE (£306: 2m 40yds)

Super Max, b h, by Souvenir—Sting (J. Adams), 5-12-3 K. B. White (9-4 fav) 1
Qualis, b c, by Quartette—Miss Allacourt (Mrs H. Parks), 4-10-10 ...... C. Smith (20-1) 2
Capuccio, gr g, by Zeddaan—La Milo (Mrs A. Grantham), 4-10-5 J. Champion (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Cricket Boot, 7-1 Shady Bones, 11-1 Timothy Jack, 12-1 Davys Trebla, 20-1 Wild Chance (4th), Toobrook, 33-1 Johnny Kenny, Finlander. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 15p, 17p, 16p. M. McCourt, at Wantage. 6l, 12l. Winner bought in for 560gns.

3.15 (3.16) WELDON HURDLE (Handicap: £760: 2m 3f)

Ronson Avenue, ch g, by Ron—Rosemary Road (D. Stanton), 6-12-2 ...... H. J. Evans (6-4 fav) 1
Camp Caradon, ch h, by Worden II—Deceiver (Miss S. Hunt), 8-9-7 ...... P. Leando (7-1) 2
Puritan, ch g, by Crocket—Le Bonus (B. Lovatt), 6-10-8 G. Shaw (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Streakland (pu), 10-1 Jock My Boy, 16-1 Happy Snapper (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 14p, 18p; dual forecast, 40p. M. Tate, at Kidderminster. 20l, 3l. Merris Lord did not run.

3.45 (3.45) CITY OF EXETER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,026: 3m 1f)

Kuluwand, b g, by Coulisse—Glade Fairy (A. Barclay), 10-12-0 R. Linley (12-1) 1
Manighe, b g, by Manicou—Phlebitis (Admin of [illegible]), 11-12-3 ...... N. Wakley (5-2) 2
Alcades, b g, by Right Royal—Alcadem (D. Hendlin), 10-12-0 C. Jones (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Brokobelle (pu), 10-1 Chingley Lass (pu), 14-1 Hello Softy (4th), 20-1 Polistar, Mahogany II. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 14p, 22p, 20p; dual forecast, 48p. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 3l, 3l.

4.15 (4.18) WHITESTONE HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m 4f)

Cwm Castell, ch m, by Celtic Ash—Castle Rouge (J. ...), 5-10-9 ...... R. Linley (11-2) 1
Psalm, ch h, by ... And Music (Admin of ...), Blackburn), 6-10-6 2
Ocean Wave, br h, by ... Undulation (...), 5-10-6 C. ... (7-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Thomas Edward, 5-1 Coome ..., Melody (4th), 12-1 Sarah's Choice, 25-1 Silver Serenade. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, ...; places, 14p, 22p, 17p; dual forecast, £3.30. J. Thorne, at Bridgwater.

4.45 (4.45) ... HURDLE (3-y-o: £...: 2m ...)

Sam Sam, ... by Raffingora—Nicky B (...), 11-0 ...... (evens fav) 1
Fratelli, ... by ...—... (...), 11-0 ...... (4-1) 2
Breckland, ... Wood—... (...), 10-9 ...... Hallett (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: ... Rivermead (pu), 11-2 ..., Full Ahead (pu), 14-1 ..., 25-1 Doubtful Lad, Spring ... ran.

TOTE: Win, ...; places, 12p, 19p, 88p; dual forecast, ... W. Marshall, at .... First ... did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ronson Avenue, Cwm Castell, £6.50. TREBLE: Super Max, Kuluwand, Sam Sam, £5.90.

Equestrianism

Middleton Lad and owner suspended

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Middleton Lad, the six-year-old middleweight who won the hunter championship at the Royal International Horse Show at Wembley last month, has been disqualified from all prizes won there by the show committee of the Hunters' Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society. He has been stopped from competing at all affiliated shows for three months, and his owner, Mrs Peter Warren, has been debarred from exhibiting for 12 months.

The committee of the Royal International Horse Show have accepted the recommendations of the HIS and have awarded the middleweight hunter class to Mr F. W. Furness's Sea Pike, ridden by Mrs Furness, the hunter championship to Douglas Bunn's Selsey Bill, ridden by Jack Gittins; and the Winston Churchill Cup to the cob, Yodim, owned by Miss A. Baldry and ridden by David Hunt.

At Wembley random checks for dope were taken on the winners of showing classes and a urine specimen taken from Middleton Lad proved, on analysis, to show the presence of a drug called oxyphenyl butazone (a derivative of the painkiller, butosolidin). The effect is to make a lame horse sound.

Mrs Warren told me: "The horse was going a bit 'feely' when he came back from Peterborough (where he had won the Champion of England Gold Cup), and had picked up some stones from the gravel track on the perimeter of the main ring, so my vet told me tfo give him a week's course to settle down any inflammation. This course was finished two days before Wembley. As the horse had a bit of a dry cough, I also dosed him with a bottle of diaformin which we have had in the cupboard for years. I ... about it and asked ... contain any prohibit... they did ... Wembley, and he ... laughter and said ... nothing to worry about.

"I have since dis... traces of butosolidin ... the urine for up to ... after dosage is dis... would like it to be ... Middleton Lad ... drugs all the ... David Barker, who ... me, had no idea ... who is in my stable ... course of powder ... knew of any trouble ... night after the ... received a letter ... Ansell with a report ... market Security."

Mrs Warren is ... associated with show ... three-day event horse ... frequently worked on ... the use of which is ... by the International ... Federation, though it ... on show ... concerned, for ... is also banned by ... as one or two ... to their cost.

In showing, this is a test case which will ... as a deterrent to ... show horse must ... be sound on the day ... of hunters is rema... from every sort of ... it is crucial for the ... breeders, exhibitors ... well as for the HIS, ... remain so. The show ... had no alternative ... they did, sad though ... a thoroughly genuine ... exhibitor. No doubt ... Veterinary Associati... interested in the findi...

Cycling

Men's final may be dec... by hundredth of a seco...

Liege, Aug 21.—Thomas Huschke, of East Germany, and Vladimir Osokin, of the Soviet Union, yesterday reached the final of the amateur pursuit at the world track cycling championships here. Susan Novarra, the American sprint champion, and Iva Zajickova, of Czechoslovakia, were well placed to reach the final of the women's sprint, when a violent storm brought a temporary end to the proceedings.

Huschke, who finished third last year, was not challenged hard by Jan Jankiewicz, of Poland, in his semi-final round. He won with a time of 5min 04.64sec after pulling steadily clear from the start. But Osokin had to work hard to eliminate last year's silver medalist, Orfeo Pizzoferrato, of Italy, who beat him in the first round of last year's championships.

Osokin came within less than a second of breaking the five minute barrier for the second consecutive day. After half the distance he held a two-second lead on this long, slow track. But Pizzoferrato pulled back to only 39 hundredths of a second before yielding to the Russian's sprinting finish.

Huschke has also come within a second of beating five minutes for the distance, which ... more than the ... kilometres here. Th... mises to be a close ... possibly only hundr... second separating the ...

In the women's ... American team's ... two girls in the ... early setback. Sheila ... 1975 world champion ... by a tyre's width in ... of her best-of-three ... round with Miss ... has won both a silver ... medal in the past. ... semi-final, Miss Nov... problem in beating ... alsh of the United St... first race.

In the amateur sp... fancied riders reache... round despite some ... There was a series of ... punctures, but only ... Roger Cuypers, the B... pion, was hurt.

Cuypers came off ... ing at slow speed b... wardly, badly bruising ... his spine. Although ... hardly sit in the sadd... back bravely onto th... reach the second roun... was forced into a repe... —Reuter.

Bowls

Boston thwarts opponent on last end

Don Boston (Kettering Conservatives), a 29-year-old hairdresser, cut it fine in the first round of the English Bowling Association singles championship at Worthing yesterday when he beat Jack Hill (Preston, Brighton) 21—20. Hill was laying shot with two of his woods at the last end, but Boston managed to get inside his rival's woods and score a narrow victory.

In the longest match of the round, lasting nearly three hours, Bob Jack (Southport) beat Roy Rayer (Stroud) 21—20.

FIRST ROUND: M. Davis 21, L. Jenkins 13; L. Pratt 21, S. Mitchell 19; D. J. Bryant 21, E. M. Bosle 8; L. J. Wilkinson 21, T. Augustus 12; D. Taylor 21, F. Price 17; E. Gage 23, R. Main 15; H. R. Jefferies 21, G. Marshall 17; J. E. Ellsman wo, C. Mee scr; A. Ridington 21, M. Meredith 15; A. Allcock 21, D. A. Lee 17; W. Taylor 21, L. Happeh 9; A. J. George 21, R. Sekjer 18; E. Griffiths 21, D. W. Keene 18; K. N. Maddocks 21, G. Payne 9; D. Bale 21, R. W. Smith 19; E. London 21, P. Gill 19. R. Jack 21, R. Rayer 20; G. Kirby 21, J. Bull 18; J. R. Wren 21, R. Tate 20; J. Scott 21, J. Fisher 13; V. Howes 21, V. A. Blackmore 7; S. A. Simons 22, G. F. Bridger 16; N. Nicholson wo, K. Davies scr; R. A. Gibbins 22, A. J. Langley 10; N. Smith 21, R. Pensome 11; P. Kyrin 21, J. Robinson 17; R. Nelson 21, D. Gooding 10; A. Papworth 21, J. Davidson 12; S. Bunting 21, M. Trow 17; C. Franklin 21, R. P. Rampson 19; W. Sudweeks 21, A. Cowan 20; D. Boston 21, J. F. Hill 20.

SECOND ROUND: Pratt 22, Davis 11; Bryant 21, Wilkinson 9; Taylor 21, Gage 15; Jack 21, Jeffries 16; Ridington 21, Ellsman 15; Allcock 22, Taylor 4; Griffiths 22, George 11; Bale 22, Maddocks 10; London 21, Kirby 5; Wren 21, Scott 11; Howes 21, Simons 16; Gibbins 21, Nicholson 20; Smith 21, Kyrin 14; Nelson 21, Papworth 6; Bunting 21, Franklin 13; Sudweeks 21, Boston 11.

Swimming

Another Ar... is among the winners

Juliet Archer, at the ... a polished swimmer an... competitor, is follow... success of her junior ... sister, Katy. At Leed... in the national age gr... pionships, sponsored ... Shield, Juliet, a mem... Chelsea club, won th... years and under 100 ... style—the title which ... old sister took two yea...

Earlier this week ... swam for Britain in a ... national in the ... recently, underlined he... with a remarkable 2mi... 200 metres individual ... the 12-13 age group. ... just as convincing ... taking her free-style ... 1min 7.48sec.

Sue Barnard took ... title of the champions... she hung on to a ... to win the 14-15 years ... free-style in 2min 12.... main threat came fr... Pearce, of Thornbury, ... second place in 2min...

Winners:
BOYS: 16-17: 100 metre... R. Burrell (Southampton) ... 14-15: 100 metres back... Hubble (West London ... 1:8.61; 12-13: 100 metre... S. Barndcoat (Californ... 11 and under: 100 metre... K. Walker (Canada), ... metres breaststroke: S. Wi... ham), 1:27.01.
GIRLS: 16-17: 200 me... stroke: D. Rudd (... 14-15: 200 metres fre... Barnard (Beckenham Ladies... 11 and under: 100 metre... J. Archer (St James Ladies... 100 metres breaststroke: ... (Beckenham Ladies), 1:27....

KANSAS CITY: Men's ... free-style: 3min 53.3... record).

National Hunt racing

Five favourites first hom... at Devon and Exeter

Backers of favourites did well at Devon and Exeter yesterday with five winners, two of them, Bybrook, and Kuluwand, coming from Toby Balding's stable. Four of yesterday's winners, Bybrook, Kuluwand, Ronson Avenue and Cwm Castell, will all be back in action on the course next week.

Bybrook, a grand little jumper, landed the odds in the amateurs' steeplechase for the second year running with the greatest of ease, giving Wilson a winner with his first ride of the season. "It was difficult to ride the race on her, she was so much better than these that she was always running away from them", he said.

Bybrook's trainer, Toby Balding, commented: "She's better handicapped this year and should be able to carry the penalty when she comes back here next week."

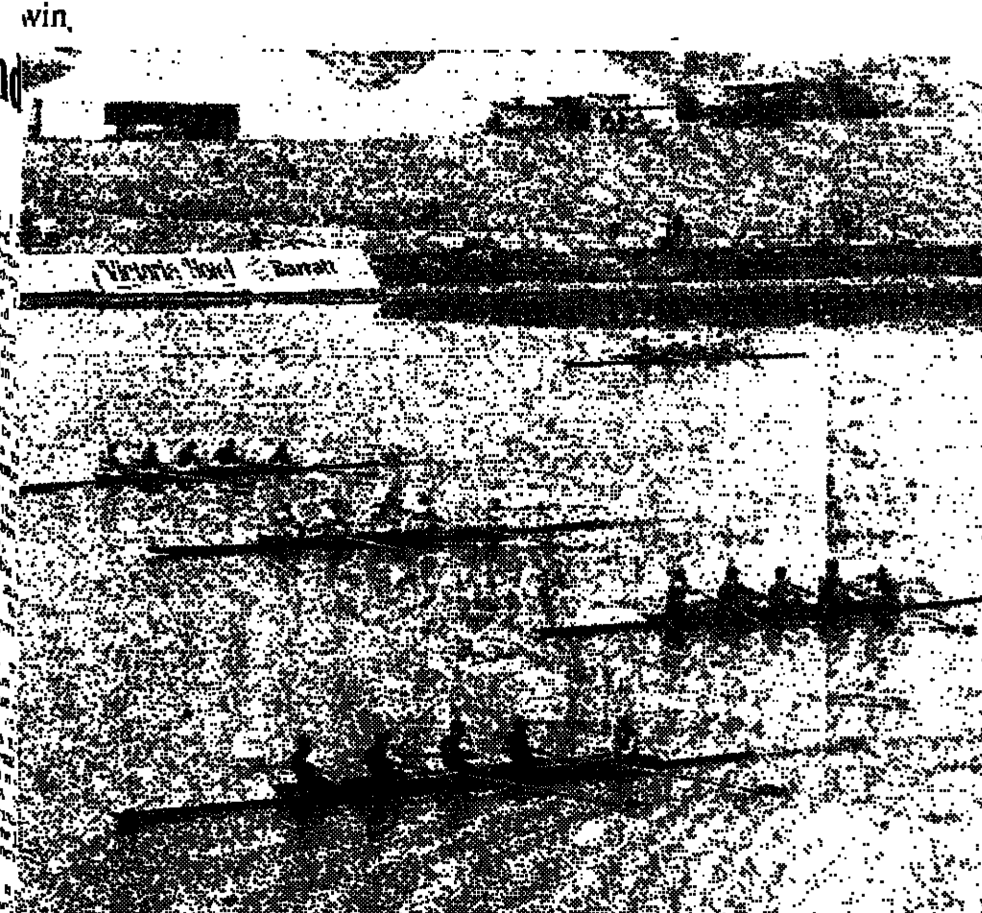
Kuluwand led over the last six fences and beat Manighe by 15 lengths in the City of Exeter Challenge Cup. Balding trains Kuluwand for his father-in-law, Anthony Barclay, who, Toby said, "unfortunately always spends August on holiday on a remote Scottish isle when Kuluwand wins his races."

After Kuluwand has run at next week's meeting, Balding ... to qualify him for the National. "I've always ... him the sort for that ... stays so well", said the trainer who won the big race with Highland Wedd...

Kuluwand's partner, ... Linley, who has recently ... professional, made it a ... from only two rides when ... most of the running ... Castell in the Whitestone ... tunity Handicap Hurdle. ... Castell's trainer, John ... taking a day off from ... on his Bridgwater farm ... delighted with the young... performance because he ... less than 100 per cent ...

Ronson Avenue trotted ... the Weldon Cup, forcing ... the pace on this ... and romping in 20 lengths ... of Camp Caradon. The ... favourite, Puritan, failed ... the third flight, ran on ... to finish a remote third. ... Avenue's trainer, ... said: "This is the first ... had this ground for ... He'll be back here ... The versatile Ronson Avenue ... has not been disgraced in ... efforts on the flat will ... making his first appearance ... fences.

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na Bishop, in the single, was the only British comr to make progress at the attempt on the opening day of en's lightweight and women's championships on Notting- Holme Pierrepont course day. The three British men's eight entries and the n's coxed four and eight all epêchages today and on Sat- But grounds for optimism inal places in the British rest mainly with the men's eight crews.

first British competitor in today was Peter Zeun, of borough, in the lightweight sculls. Zeun was drawn in ticularly difficult heat—with one to qualify directly for day's semi-final rounds— t the holder, Belden, of the d States, the promising Aus- Haberl and Scheffler, of o, who was placed sixth last n the inaugural men's light- t world championships.

len predictably dominated hout the race, scarcely cruis- with Barbel bringing up the f the field. Zeun came from place at 1,000 metres to position at the expense of exican and stayed there for st of the heat. Zeun was the fastest lightweight sculler of y overall and a borderline or Sunday's final round. The two direct qualifiers for Sat- s semi-final rounds were the European lightweight scul- eto Wyss, of Switzerland, aul Rowe, from Australia Bishop, aged 27, from Wal- d, had only to beat one of r competitors yesterday to for the semi-final rounds. against Miss Agricola, of Germany, and the strong Miss Ambroziak, of Poland, her main target was to keep Beverly Cameron, of Canada, at bay. She sprinted off the start to take second place at 500 metres, losing ground only in the last phases of the race to Miss Ambroziak, but never in danger from the Canadian.

Although Miss Bishop has made the first strike forward for the British team, she was the eleventh fastest overall yesterday from the three heats of 14 scullers. She will require at least three lengths more speed (and a tail wind would help her) to be in the final reckoning.

The British lightweight men's coxless four, whom I described as the "tombstone four" in Munich recently, almost inscribed their names on it with a suicidal run yesterday. With three to qualify in their heat for Saturday's semi-final round, the British four were far from pallbearers for most of the race. In a difficult heat, drawn against the holders, Australia, a strong United States entry and a final class French crew, the British four took the lead by the half-way stage and held it until the last few 100 metres.

But the veil of death descended there with Australia, France and the United States accelerating through while the British four went suddenly and dramatically into slow motion. However, it was a plucky attempt—the sixth fastest time of the day—to bring them back to life with an outside chance of a final place. Last night's post-mortem of yesterday's efforts and a glance at their fading "split-times" over the course will reveal an obvious route for survival.

If only the British lightweight eight would relax and lengthen out, I would be optimistic of their chances for a medal in Sunday's final. To give them their credit, they are racers. Yesterday they fought the United States over the full length of the course and closed the gap to within two-thirds of a length at the finish to record the second fastest time of the day. The United States and West Germany qualified directly for the final by winning their respective heats. This leaves five crews in today's repêchage for the four remaining places. Although there will be no joy for the Mexicans as far as Sunday's final is concerned, the Netherlands and Canada could still prove dangerous to Britain's medal hopes.

Great credit should also be paid to the British women's coxed four, who finished fourth in their heat in the seventh fastest time of the day. To boot, they also beat an Eastern block entry, Czechoslovakia. It might have been the eighth fastest time of the day, but for Australia shipwrecking 100 metres from the finish and giving up the ghost.

The Nottingham course was perfect for the first day of the world championships and even a steady downpour through lunch did not dampen spirits. I was impressed with all the British efforts, taking into consideration their prevailing deficiencies. Although many crews only press the accelerator when it counts in the final stages, all British crews yesterday had to motor at full speed.

By Saturday the script will be international. Yesterday, I felt inclined to take my hat off, although I never wear one, to Britain's efforts. Chauvinism apart, Britain's best hopes of final places lie with the three men's lightweight crews and the women's coxed four. The only medal chance lies with the men's lightweight eight.

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TWEIGHT SINGLE SCULLS s qualify for semi-final round, er to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, W. (US) 7 min 36.15 sec; 2, R. (Austria) 7:4..81; 3, P. Zeun 49.52; 4, F. Scheffler (Mexico); 5, A. Gilje (Norway) 7:57.19; lilek (Turkey) 8:23.65. Heat 2: owe (Australia) 7:42.56; 2, T. (Ireland) 7:47.5; 3, H. Punt lands) 7:55..1; 4, B. Thorne J 8:14.3; 5, F. Nolo (Italy). Heat 3: 1, R. Wyss (Switzer- 37.99; 2, G. Roisaert (Bel- 7:55.77; 3, M. Hoelt (W Ger- 7:59.11; 4, Huang Sheng-Hsiung 8:9.35; 5, T. Tanaka (Japan).

ESS FOURS (first three in each ualify for semi-final round re- to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, Aus- 42.59; 2, France, 6:42.64; 3, 5.18; 4, GB, 6:47.76; 5, Can- 8.34. Heat 2: 1, W Germany, 2, Netherlands, 6:44.64; 3, 6:36.3; 4, Italy, 7:32.74. 1, Turkey, 6.58.59; 2, Mexico, 5, Sweden, 7:5.19; 4, China.

S (winners to final, remainder chage): Heat 1: 1, US 2, GB 6:15.55; 3, Nether- 20.07; 4, Sweden, 6:21.27. 1, W Germany, 6:17.97; 3. 6:19.17; 3, Mexico, 6:56.60.

E SCULLS (first three to semi-ind, remainder to repêchage): 1, C. Scheiblich (E Germany), 2, J. Lind (US), 4:0.95; 3, rlain (Belgium), 4:5.10; 4, I. (Norway), 4:8.89; 5, Kan in (China), 4:1.17. Heat 2: omasikene (USSR), 3:59.21; Ambrus (Hungary), 3:56.92; Marsova (Czechoslovakia), 3:59.75; 4, R. Spassova (Bulgaria), 4:1.05; 5, A. Antholne (France), 4:2.99. Heat 3: 1, C. Angrikola (W Germany), 3:59.44; 2, E. Ambroziak (Poland), 4:3.14; 3, D. Bishop (GB), 4:6.35; 4, B. Cameron (Canada), 4:8.00.

DOUBLE SCULLS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, A. Hohl and R. Adam (W Germany), 3:33.60; 2, F. Whittington and C. le Moal (France), 3:39.59; 3, C. McCloskey and N. Hilliard (US), 3:39.90; 4, M. Leibetseder and R. Sigl (Austria), 3:45.43; 5, M. and C. Lecrenier (Belgium), 3:45.44; 6, E. Bourbeau and J. Lepage (Canada), 3:46.05. Heat 2: 1, Z. Jordanova and S. Otzetova (Bulgaria), 3:27.92; 2, P. Boesler and S. Jahn (E Germany), 3:28.81; 3, G. Yermolaeva and Y. Antonova (USSR), 3:32.72; 4, A. Vissers and H. Klaasse (Netherlands), 3:37.54; 5, J. Palkova and M. Bartakova (Czechoslovakia), 3:37.72; 6, H. Petersen and J. Andersen (Denmark), 3:42.27.

COXLESS PAIRS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, M. Predescu and A. Chertic (Romania), 3:48.56; 2, S. Kelbetcheva and S. Grultcheva (Bulgaria), 3:53.86; 3, O. Pekna and Z. Ticha (Czechoslovakia), 3:55.53; 4, M. and A. Jonik (US), 3:56.06. Heat 2: 1, A. Noack and S. Dahne (E Germany), 3:49.55; 2, Y. Gligowska and R. Velnzerga (USSR), 3:49.90; 3, A. Karbowiak and M. Kawalska (Poland), 3:55.46; 4, M. Draeger and B. Stevenson (Canada), 4:2.76.

COXED FOURS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, Netherlands, 3:29.10; 2, USSR, 3:30.61; 3, US, 3:35.97; 4, GB, 3:36.49; 5, Czechoslovakia, 3:38.96; 6, Australia, 4:1.74. Heat 2: 1, E Germany, 3:24.38; 2, Bulgaria, 3:27.32; 3, W Germany, 3:29.30; 4, Romania, 3:38.28; 5, Ireland, 3:46.37; 6, China, 3:48.04.

EIGHTS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, E Germany; 2, Romania; 3, W Germany; 4, Netherlands; 5, GB (no times taken). Heat 2: 1, USSR, 3:15.46; 2, US, 3:15.91; 3, Hungary, 3:20.70; 4, Poland, 3:22.90; 5, France, 3:15.45.

QUADRUPLE SCULLS (first three to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, E. Germany, 3:21.33; 2, Bulgaria and USSR, both 3:23.87; 4, Norway, 3:36.20; 5, Belgium, 3:46.46. Heat 2: 1, Hungary, 3:30.70; 2, Czechoslovakia, 3:32.66; 3, Netherlands, 3:33.94; 4, Canada, 3:40.52. Heat 3: 1, US, 3:26.25; 2, Romania, 3:37.81; 3, Poland, 3:33.84; 4, Denmark, 3:36.71.

The draw for repêchages to take place today is:

MEN: Lightweight single sculls: Heat 1: P. Zeun, F. Nolo, M. Dilek, Huang Sheng-Hsiung, T. Corcoran. Heat 2: B. Thorne, M. Hoelt, A. Gilje, R. Haberl. Heat 3: G. Roisaert, T. Tanaka, F. Scheffler, H. Punt. Coxless fours: Heat 1: Italy, Canada, China, GB. Eights: Mexico, GB, Canada, Netherlands, Sweden.

WOMEN: Coxed fours: Heat 1: Ireland, W Germany, Australia, USSR, GB. Heat 2: Romania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, US. Double Sculls: Heat 1: M. and C. Lecrenier, G. Yarmolseva and Y. Antonova, A. Vissers and H. Klaasse, F. Whittington and C. le Moal. E. Bourbeau and J. Lepage. Heat 2: P. Boesler and S. Jahn, H. Petersen and J. Andersen, J. Palkova and M. Bartakova, M. Leibetseder and R. Sigl, K. McCloskey and N. Hilliard. Single Sculls: Heat 1: B. Cameron, R. Spassova, I. Brechan, Kao Ching-Ping, A. Antholne. Quadruple Sculls: Canada, Norway, Belgium, Denmark.

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rday's race in the 470 class an yachting championship tes Bay was won by the nen Pascal Berrigier and ernuin. It was the sixth be held but only the fifth t for points. The last race eries, from which the best t of six will count for wil be held today.

ie and Clerouin were n Tuesday, the day when e 72 boats were disquali- 1. like many others in the y have had a couple of es and one at least that be glad to discard. After y mending their ways on ing line for Wednesday's competitors were back worst behaviour yesterday. rst attempt to start was with more boats start- than starting properly. was the usual routine eral recall and a second Surprisingly, this was ter, in spite of the five- ile being put into opera- its threat of immediate cation for any boat over after the preparatory

competitors complained s the tide carrying them oss the line. Certainly it that in the prevailing ze the tide was a signi- tor. But it was still pos- ime one's approach cor- the entire fleet demon- the third attempt. The a good one and it made one wonder what all the fuss was about.

When asked why they tried to start early, each competitor naturally blamed the other chap. The argument runs something like this: if a number of boats are seen to be early across the line, it is essential for everyone else to join them. Otherwise, if the start is allowed to proceed, the "goodies" will be left behind. If enough boats can be forced or encouraged over the line, the race officer is bound to signal a general recall. And so on, ad infinitum, until either the race officers or the competitors tire of the game.

The weather played a significant part in yesterday's race, with fierce rain squalls alternating with pleasant sunshine. As the fleet rounded the first mark the wind died completely, allowing the back-markers to catch the leaders. The lead then changed hands many times as the mass of boats sailed in company along the two reaching legs.

The second beat was the turning point of the race and Berrigier arrived at the windward mark second to the Belgian pair, Suskyn and Deville. By the end of the second round Berrigier had taken over the lead and, in a pleasant sailing breeze, he had no trouble in staying there to the finish.

Late last night, however, the honesty of several crews in even this apparently successful race was questioned. It was alleged that up to 30 boats did not round all the marks of the course, and a protest was lodged to this effect. The international jury are going to try to question the helmsmen of each of the doubtful boats this morning before they can decide what action to take.

FIFTH RACE: 1, P. Berrigier and J. Clerouin (France); 2, F. Hubner and H. Bode (West Germany); 3, P. Suskyn and B. Deville (Belgium); 4, L. Gertler and A. Gertler (West Germany); 5, N. and R. Martin (GB); 6, A. Euermann and B. Huben (West Germany).

Noryema first

La Rochelle, France, Aug 21.—Ron Amey's Noryema, of Britain, won the 355 miles Plymouth to La Rochelle race for class one boats which finished here today. Noryema's corrected time was 49hr 17min 27sec, only a few minutes ahead of another Admiral's Cup boat, Ted Turner's Tenacious, of the United States, in 49hr 23min 51sec.—Agence France-Presse.

PLYMOUTH: National 12 development class championships: Fifth race: 1, Mulga Bill (C. Edwards, Ranelagh); 2, Smitten Kitten (G. Willis, Bristol Corinthian); 3, Mr Jinks (A. Edwards, Nottingham); 4, Soggy Moggy (J. Royce, Trent Valley); 5, The Pig's Last Grunt (Cathy Foster, Sussex University); 6, Killer Queen (R. Ayling, King George V). Overall placings (after five races): 1, Mulga Bill, 4¼pts; 2, Crusoe (G. Robinson, Trent Valley), 15½; 3, Soggy Moggy, 16¾; 4, Mr Jinks, 30; 5, Windfall (P. Marchant, Pevensey Bay), 44; 6, Choc Smartie (P. Morrison, Pevensey Bay), 45.

HERNE BAY: National Hornet championships: 1, K. Herve (Revolution, Thorpe Bay SC); 2, M. Martin (Something Completely Different, Brightlingsea SC); 3, J. Evans (Gremlin, Tonsham Bay SC); 4, B. Dingwall (Nexus Negesti, Hayling Island SC); 5, D. Ingleton (Mi.nah, Herne Bay SC); 6, Duncan Nicholson (Super Zonka, Brightlingsea SC). Overall: 1, Herve.

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Jarrett, of Derbyshire, a Mottram, of Surrey, nominated by the Lawn sociation to compete in nternational tournament Hills, New York.

Blockley operation

The Leicester City centre-half, Jeff Blockley, had his second cartilage operation in three months yesterday. Leicester have three doubts for the match at Newcastle tomorrow. Sims and Earle are both suffering from knocks and Tomlin has a knee injury.

Wakefield referee for New Zealand

Fred Lindop, of Wakefield, a Rugby League referee, is to spend three weeks handling matches in Australia before going on to New Zealand.

Golf

Lyle to prove he can cope with pressure

By Lewine Mair

Sandy Lyle and Brian Marchbank, both sons of professionals, will meet in the 36 hole final of the British boys' golf championship at Bruntsfield today. They met once before, at Hoylake, in the semi-final round of this event last year, Lyle winning by 4 and 2.

During that week at Hoylake, Lyle had had a bad attack of food poisoning and, when it came to the final, had felt completely washed out, going down to Toby Shannon by 10 and 9. Perhaps a little unfairly, it is a result which has been brought up ever since in discussion on whether or not Lyle has what it takes to cope with real pressure.

The English amateur stroke-play champion goes into today's final with a total of nine under par for the championship, not having been down in any of his six matches.

Murray Ferguson, a powerful young player with a vast expanse of curly, red hair, was no match for Lyle in the semi-final round yesterday, never managing to find the touch and feel he had exhibited on and around the green in earlier rounds. Ferguson started badly, skying his first two shots and missing the 5ft putt which would have allowed him to escape with a half in five at that opening hole. Three holes later, having taken three putts on the third green and hooked into the left rough on the fourth, he was three down.

Lyle collected twos at each of the short holes on the outward half—at the 152-yard seventh he hit the green with a pitching wedge —*and, when Ferguson took three* putts from the front of the ninth green, he had a lead of six holes. The match closed on the 13th green, Lyle making a four to Ferguson's five.

Marchbank, too, had a comfortable afternoon in which he was five under fours for the 13 holes he needed to dismiss Neville Chesses who, only a few weeks ago, accounted for Jerry Pate, of the United States, in the Amateur at Hoylake.

It was from the eighth to the eleventh that Marchbank, who had come from behind to defeat the promising Ian Woosnam in the morning, secured his win. At both the eighth and ninth he holed putts of around 20 feet for birdies. With Chesses out to the right of the green in two at the 339-yard 10th, he won that hole with an easy four; at the 11th he chipped into the hole from 20 yards.

Though not as powerful a player as Lyle, Marchbank has stood out this week for the variety of shots he has at his disposal, not least with the shorter iron. Where most of the boys are apt to knock one approach after another with a wedge, Marchbank enjoys shaping his shots, punching them in low under the wind. As his father confirmed yesterday evening, this is the part of his game on which he has been working doubly hard over the past couple of years.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: A. W. B. Lyle beat T. Patmore, 4 and 3; M. D. Ferguson beat A. M. Durbin, 3 and 1; B. Marchbank beat I. Woosnam, 1 hole; N. Chesses beat A. Webster, 3 and 1. Semi-final round: Lyle beat Ferguson, 7 and 5; Marchbank beat Chesses, 6 and 5.

Miss Cadden through at the 20th

Suzanne Cadden, Scotland's 17-year-old former world junior champion, moved a step nearer the British girls' golf title when she reached the last four at Henbury, Bristol, yesterday. But she had to survive a sudden-death play-off at the 20th hole before beating Janet Melville, of Barrow, in the quarter-final round.

Playing her seventh competitive round in four days, Miss Cadden looked weary by the time she reached the second extra hole, where her opponent missed a 15-inch putt. It was a sad end to a gallant fight by the Cumberland girl, who was two down with six pto play against the tournament favourite.

Miss Cadden, a runner-up for this year's British women's title and a finalist in the girls' event three years ago, and ho hole from a yard to avoid defeat on the 18th and then had another scare when Miss Melville's eagle putt to win at the 19th lipped the hole. A topped second at the 15th and a hooked drive at the 16th had cost Miss Cadden her earlier advantage.

In the semi-final round today, Miss Cadden will meet Helen Latham, a Cheshire county player. She put out Michele Rees, of Wales, who earlier had conquered the defending champion, Ruth Barry, at the 19th. The other semi-final will be between the Welsh champion, Lisa Isherwood, of Neath, and a French contender, Irene Zimmern, of Paris.

Miss Zimmern, who has a handicap of nine, completed a notable double, beating the Scottish cahmpion, Wilma Aitken, at the 21st and then defeating the English title holder, Maxine Burton, with a birdie at the 19th. In February the 17-year-old French girl had a skiing accident and did not resume *golf until May. She* was a member of last year's French junior team.

FOURTH ROUND: H. Latham (Caldy) beat H. Large (Coventry), 4 and 2; M. Rees (Aberdare) beat R. Barry (Burnham and Berrow), at 19th; S. Cadden (Troon) beat R. Hegarty (Bandon), 3 and 2; M. Burton (Camberley Heath) beat L. Harrold (Gerrards Cross), 3 and 2; J. Melville (Barrow) beat S. Thurston (Waterlooville), at 19th; S. Jolly (Newbury) beat D. Reid (Ladybank), 3 and 1; L. Isherwood (Swansea Bay) beat K. Rawlings (Bargoed), 2 and 1; I. Zimmern (France) beat W. Aitken (Old Ranfurly), at 21st.

FIFTH ROUND: Latham beat Rees, 6 and 5; Isherwood beat Jolly, 4 and 3; Cadden beat Melville, at 20th; Zimmern beat Burton, at 19th.

LGU secretary retires after 12 years

Kathleen Hannay is retiring as secretary of the Ladies' Golf Union after 12 years. Miss Hannay, who came to Britain from Brisbane in 1963, will return to her family's sheep station in Queensland after her successor is found and ready to take control next year.

The new secretary will be based in St Andrews because the LGU will be moving there next year from their Sandwich (Kent) headquarters.

They have been offered accommodation at the St Rule Club. The LGU are now looking for a replacement for Miss Hannay in the 30 to 50 age range with an international outlook, administrative experience and a thorough knowledge of golf.

"Kathleen has been outstanding in fostering the relationship of the union with overseas players and associations". Gillian Hickson, the chairman of the LGU, said.

Football



Bobby Charlton and John Bird, the player valued in different ways by the manager and Preston North End's directors.

Charlton resigns over directors' decision

Bobby Charlton yesterday resigned as manager of Preston North End. In protest against the decision of the board to go ahead with the transfer of the club captain, John Bird, to Newcastle United. Charlton was called into a meeting of the directors and given the decision. He resigned on the spot.

Charlton, the former England and Manchester United captain, became manager of Preston in 1973. In his first season the club was relegated from the second division. Last season Preston finished ninth and this season they have won their two opening games.

Charlton said: "It has been a matter of principle. The directors insisted that for economic reasons they could not refuse the money offered by Newcastle plus a player in exchange for John Bird, but I think the deal is totally unrealistic and I am not prepared to back it. The directors' assessment of the value of Bird simply does not agree with mine and I will not have players at the club that I do not want.

"So far as I am concerned, neither Alex Bruce nor Mick Burns —the players offered—could get a place in my team. If the directors are going to make the decisions and just want someone to carry them out they can get anybody to do that."

Charlton said he had made his mind up beforehand what he would do if the directors decided to proceed with the negotiations with Newcastle. He would be leaving Deepdale as soon as he could settle his affairs.

In an official statement the Preston directors said: "At a board meeting this morning the manager, Bobby Charlton, tendered his resignation which was accepted reluctantly by the board. A difference of opinion had arisen in connexion with the present negotiations with Newcastle United over the proposed transfer of John Bird. The board, while respecting the manager's views, felt strongly that the proposed transfer was in the best interests of the club having due regard to its financial responsibilities under the present economic climate both nationally and in the football transfer market in particular. The board are very conscious of the contribution Mr Charlton has made to North End and regret the termination of his association with the club in this manner."

The Preston directors asked the chief coach, Nobby Stiles, the former Manchester United colleague of Charlton, to take charge of the team for the time being. The players held a meeting and afterwards issued a statement saying that they were against what had happened. They said: "Now we will play against Port Vale on Saturday and give our best for the club if only for the sake of Bobby. But we wish he was still with us, and feel that a manager must be allowed to manage. We think that the directors should concentrate on raising money and leave the football to the professionals."

Charlton gave up playing with Manchester United to take over at Preston in May, 1973, replacing Alan Ball senior, who had been sacked three months earlier. Charlton, after winning 106 caps for England, decided to concentrate on management, but when Preston were in trouble came back as player-manager. But his efforts could not save the club at the end of his first season.

Charlton, who won World Cup and European Cup winners medals, was awarded the OBE in 1969. But as his brother, Jack, who gave up playing in the same season to take over at Middlesbrough, went from strength to strength, Bobby struggled and when Preston went down Middlesbrough gained promotion to the first division.

Relationships between Charlton and the Preston board had been strained for several months. Charlton had made it clear that he did not want his team broken up and considered Bird the best central defender in the third division. But the board, keen to bring money into the club, were swayed by the £40,000 plus players offered by Newcastle.

Bird has been the centre of Newcastle's attentions for a long time, and the manager, Gordon Lee, increased his efforts to sign the Preston player when he took over at St James's Park during the close season.

Nicholson urges end of new discipline system

Bill Nicholson, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager and now a member of the West Ham United staff, called for a quick ending to the new disciplinary system when he spoke in London yesterday at the launching of the 1975 *Rothmans Football Yearbook*.

"Referees know the laws; if they don't apply them, then kick them out", said Mr Nicholson. "By issuing a list of penalty points and telling referees do this or do that, the FA is saying to referees: You are not doing your job right. If every intentional foul was penalized, then there would be no need for those clampdowns."

Mr Nicholson called for more contact between referees and players to end the inconsistency which, he claimed, was a main cause of trouble between players and officials.

"We have one man who would be perfect for the job of giving consistency and uniformity to our refereeing—Ken Aston. He does it for Fifa in the World Cup. He could do it for us."

Mr Nicholson said the game needed a man brave enough to come along and change the system and style of league football. But he did not think that would happen this season. "This year will be very much like those which have gone before."

Cardiff City have signed Douglas Livermore, a midfield player, from Norwich City at a fee of £20,000. Livermore, 27, who was with Liverpool before he joined Norwich in the 1970-71 season turned down a move to Cardiff earlier in the week.

Manchester United expect to have their goalkeeper, Stepney, and Macari, both casualties in Tuesday's win at Birmingham, fit for the match against Sheffield United at Old Trafford on Saturday. Stepney is recovering well from a badly bruised jaw and Macari has had four stitches in a knee injury.

Today's fixtures

Fourth division
Stockport v Northampton (7.30)
Tranmere v Doncaster (7.30)
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: St Helens v Featherstone R (7.30); Salford v Warrington (7.30); Widnes v Castleford (7.30). Second division: Doncaster v Barrow (6.30); Whitehaven v York (7.0).

Cricket

Marsh leads Australians as Chappells decide to rest

Rodney Marsh, the wicket-keeper, is to lead the Australians for the first time when they meet Essex at Chelmsford tomorrow in their last cricket fixture against a county this season. Ian Chappell, the captain, and Greg Chappell, the vice-captain, will have the match off to rest before the fourth Test starts at the Oval next Thursday.

Also missing from the touring side will be Lillie, the fast bowler, and McCosker, the opening batsman.

The Australians will decide the final line-up against Essex after fitness tests at Lord's today. Higgs has a dislocated finger, Edwards a bruised foot and Mallett a chipped thumb.

Australians (from): R. W. Marsh (captain), R. Edwards, G. J. Gilmour, J. Higgs, A. Hurst, B. Laird, A. H. Mallett, R. Robinson, J. R. Thomson, A. Turner, M. H. N. Walker, K. D. Walters.

Northamptonshire will play a John Player League game in Buckinghamshire for the first time next season. They have allocated the Lancashire match to Bletchley within the new town of Milton Keynes on August 22.

This will be Northamptonshire's third game outside their own county next season. They intend to allocate matches again to Tring and Luton in the Sunday league.

Today's cricket

SECOND XI COMPETITION
HOVE: Sussex II v Surrey II.
BARNSLEY: Yorkshire II v Warwickshire II.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire II v Glamorgan II.
MINOR COUNTIES
TORQUAY: Devon v Somerset.
WEYMOUTH: Dorset v Oxfordshire.
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
ANDOVER: Hampshire v Gloucester.

Second XI competition

NORTHAMPTON: Glamorgan 2 for 0 v Northamptonshire (rain).
BARNSLEY: Yorkshire II 354 for 4 and 94 for 3 (C. Johnson 50 not out); Warwickshire II 359 for 8 (J. Whitehouse 135 not out, T. A. Edmonds 78; G. B. Stevenson 5 for 105).
HOVE: Sussex 302 for 8 dec: Surrey 155 for 3 (C. Aworth 85 not out).

Under-25 competition

CANTERBURY (18 overs): Middlesex 106 for 7 (H. Gorn 4 for 32); Kent 88 for 9 (T. M. Lamb 4 for 28). Middlesex won by 18 runs.

Athletics

Promising youngsters on a shaky path

From Cliff Temple
Athens, Aug 21

The translation from promising youngster into fully fledged international remains athletics most shaky path, and as the European junior championships get under way here tomorrow we should not recall the successes of the British team in the last championships, in Duisburg two years ago, without sparing a thought for those who have already faded from the scene, despite seeming then to have one foot firmly in the door. Where did they go, and why?

Happily, though, the victories of Steven Ovett and Sonia Lannaman in 1973 heralded senior success, too, and it is a measure of Ovett's precocity—a European senior silver medal and a European Cup final victory in the past year—that he is only three months over the age limit to be eligible to compete again in Athens.

His 800 metres title seems unlikely to remain in British hands this weekend, with neither Malcolm Edwards nor Paul Forbes having yet shown the kind of pace which sent Ovett to Duisburg as favourite. But Miss Lannaman's 100 metres crown will be stoutly defended by Wendy Clarke, the 17-year-old Highgate Harrier, whose 11.54sec is the fastest electrically timed performance in Europe this year.

The men will look towards a usually unexpected source of British success, the triple jump. Here, Aston Moore, of Birchfield Harriers, has the best European performance of the year, 53ft 3in, and showed with his wind-assisted leap of 53ft 6in at Warley a fortnight ago that his injury problems this summer have not dampened his explosiveness.

Mike Morris, of Cwmbran, also heads the ranking in his event, the 2,000 metres steeplechase, with his United Kingdom record of 5min 35.6sec. But there are several other contenders just a stride or so behind in what promises to be one of the closest races of the championships.

The one sad note in the British team surrounds Lesley Kiernan, a silver medal winner at 800 metres in 1973, who had been selected for a second bite of the cherry. Her early season form indicated a medal chance again, but a troublesome leg injury developed. Now, in spite of a fitness test a fortnight ago, which seemed to indicate that she was on the way back, the injury has flared up once more and Miss Kiernan, having decided that it could not survive three hard races in as many days, felt it wise to withdraw from the championships.

Both our men's and women's 4 x 400 metres relay teams are in with medal chances, too, especially as they are unlikely to be subjected to participating in the individual events beforehand. This is an expensive gamble, but one worth taking and for which the British Amateur Athletics Board's selectors should be applauded.

Bull out of Britain's team for Crystal Palace

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Michael Bull, the British pole vault record holder, has withdrawn from the match against Russia at Crystal Palace on Sunday and Monday. But this does not necessarily mean he is carrying out his threat earlier this week to retire altogether from international athletics.

Arthur Gold, secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, said yesterday: "I have had a long talk with Mike and he undoubtedly has no appetite for competition at the moment. I reminded him that the match against Sweden next month will be at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium, where he achieved two of his outstanding efforts—winning the Commonwealth Games title and coming second in the 1973 European Cup final. If he does want to retire that would be a suitable place to do so."

Bull's place against the Russians will be taken by Keith Stock—one of several changes in the British team originally announced. But all the best front row of our athletes will be in action and Mr Gold was right to say: "The public will virtually be seeing the British team at its strongest and with a chance of victory in quite a number of events. I understand tickets are going very well at Crystal Palace."

Andrew Carter, the British 800 metres record holder, who has now recovered from persistent injury, joins Steven Ovett and Peter Browne over two laps in the three-a-side match. Bernard Ford and Tony Simmons are absent from the 10,000 metres, Ford because he is on honeymoon and Simmons because he is on holiday. The 10,000 metres runners are now Bernard Plain, Michael Tagg and Grenville Tuck.

The steeplechase has had the most complete reshuffle. Tony Staynings, who ran unconvincingly in the European Cup final, cannot get a further extension of leave from Western Kentucky University. John Davies, the British steeplechase record holder, is still suffering from a leg injury and will be replaced by his clubmate, Clive Thomas. John Bicourt is abroad and if he does not contact Mr Gold in time his replacement will be Stephen Hollings. The third steeplechaser selected is Dennis Coates, whose front-running in the AAA championships made me wish that he, instead of Staynings, had run in Nice. Alan Cronin comes in for Alan Pascoe in the 110 metres hurdles as Pascoe wishes to concentrate on the 400 metres hurdles.

There will be no 20,000 metres walk as the Russians were not able to send competitors either for this or for the women's 3,000 metres run. In the case of the 3,000 metres it will now be an invitation event for most of the leading British runners, including Joyce Smith, who holds the national record. The match, which is sponsored by Kraft Foods, will start at 4.0 pm on Sunday and 1.30 on Monday.

Bayi rejects a series of races against Walker

Dar es Salaam, Aug 21.—Filbert Bayi, of Tanzania, the world 1,500 metres record holder, has rejected a New Zealand athletics promoter's plans for a special series of races with the world mile record holder, John Walker, of New Zealand.

The Tanzanian said he would not consider any invitation from the promoter, Kevin Ryall, who was reported earlier this week to be planning a confrontation in Christchurch next January between the world's two fastest middle distance runners. Walker broke Bayi's mile record last week with a time of 3min 49.4sec. Bayi's 1,500 metres record is 3min 32.2sec.

In a report published today in a Tanzanian newspaper, Bayi said he objected to the professional implications of Ryall's move. He said: "If Ryall wants me to run in New Zealand he should have channelled the invitation through his national athletics association, which could have communicated with the Tanzanian Amateur Athletics Association to arrange the trip."

The secretary of the Tanzanian Amateur Athletics Association, Thomas Daniel, said the way Ryall was trying to organize the series was undoubtedly professional and the association would need to review any invitation closely. It would probably be turned down.

Bayi also said: "I have competed with Walker several times and we shall meet again in Montreal in next year's Olympic Games. This is a good enough opportunity for anyone who wants to see us in action."

Bayi is currently training for the East and Central African athletics championships in Mombasa next month. He will be competing in the 1,500 metres. He said that after the Mombasa meeting he would continue light training until early next year, when he starts serious training for the Olympic Games.—Reuter.

For the Record

Tennis

CHESTNUT HILL (Massachusetts): G. Vilas (Argentina) beat P. Bertolucci (Italy), 6—3, 6—1; B. Borg (Sweden) beat H. J. Pohmann (West Germany), 6—1, 7—5; C. Drysdale (S Africa) beat C. Richey, 2—6, 6—3, 6—4; R. Lutz beat P. Cornejo (Chile), 6—1, 6—4; S. Smith beat H. Plotz (West Germany), 6—3, 6—7, 6—1; J. Fassbender (West Germany) beat R. Carmichael (Australia), 6—1, 5—7, 6—3; M. Estep beat J. Gisbert (Spain), 6—0, 4—6, 6—0; H. Solomon beat A. Munoz (Spain), 6—2, 2—6, 6—0; A. Ashe beat C. Mottram (GB), 6—3, 6—4; J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat T. Taygan, 6—4, 2—6, 6—3; M. Orantes (Spain) beat P. Dent (Australia), 6—1, 6—2.

SOUTH ORANGE: Men's singles: J. Connors (US) beat R. Crealy (Australia), 7—5, 6—4; B. Taroczy (Hungary) beat R. Ruuls (US), 6—2, 6—2; V. Amaya (US) beat J. James (Australia), 6—2, 6—2; R. Moore (S Africa) beat S. Stewart (US), 6—3, 4—6, 6—3; R. Hewitt (S Africa) beat M. Robinson (GB), 6—2, 6—2; R. Case (Australia) beat K. Johansson (Sweden), 7—6, 6—3, 6—3; G. Masters (Australia) beat H. Elshenbroich (W Germany), 6—3, 7—6.

HARRISON: Miss D. L. Fromholtz beat Miss B. Nagelsen, 6—0, 6—1; Miss L. Boshoff beat Miss J. L. Dimond, 6—1, 6—1; Miss S. V. Wade beat Miss R. Tomanova, 6—1, 6—1; Miss I. Fernandez beat Miss R. Casals, 6—3, 3—6, 7—5; Miss M. Navratilova beat Miss J. K. Anthony, 6—1, 6—4; Miss M. Jausovec beat Miss B. Norton, 4—6, 6—3, 6—4; Miss M. Schallau beat Mrs A. Jones, 7—5, 6—3.

ST MORITZ: B. Mario (Italy) beat G. Janssens (Belgium), 6—0, 7—6, 6—2; E. Deblicker (France) beat D. Stimpson (Australia), 6—3, 6—3; J. Kukal (Czechoslovakia) beat R. Haillet (France), 6—1, 6—1; Miss B. Glatzel (West Germany) beat Miss S. Smith (US), 6—1, 6—3.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 6, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Oakland Athletics 2, Detroit Tigers 1; Chicago White Sox 5, New York Yankees 3; Kansas City Royals 5, Boston Red Sox 1; Baltimore Orioles 3, Minnesota Twins 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 3, San Francisco Giants 1; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Atlanta Braves 1; St Louis Cardinals 4, Cincinnati Reds 0; San Diego Padres 8, Montreal Expos 6; Houston Astros 5, New York Mets 3 (10 innings); Los Angeles Dodgers v Chicago Cubs (postponed, rain).

Cricket

Minor Counties

HITCHIN: Hertfordshire 248 for 6 dec and 202 for 4 dec (D. G. Ottley 71 not out); Bedfordshire 205 (T. Machin 57; R. L. Johns, 5 for 75) and 164 (M. E. Gear 83; Johns 4 for 45). Hertfordshire won by 85 runs and are champions.

FELIXSTOWE: Norfolk 179 for 6 dec and 61 (P. H. Jones 6 for 19); Suffolk 186 (Jones 50, C. Wright 5 for 41) and 88 for 8 (R. L. Rattelley 5 for 34). Suffolk won by two wickets.

WEYMOUTH: Oxford 162 for 8 dec; Dorset 115 for 7 (M. Beale 65).

Croquet

SOUTHWICK: Open singles: Draw, second round: W. E. Moore beat W. R. Bulloch +7; D. J. Bulloch beat E. J. Tucker +n. Process, first round: A. E. C. Tapp beat S. A. Tapp +a. Second round: Tucker beat R. C. Havery +25. Open handicap singles, third round: W. H. Austin (2) beat L. L. Riggall (4½) +3; R. L. Everest (5) beat W. R. Bucknall (1½) +16; I. G. Vincent (1½) beat D. M. Horne (5½) +7; J. G. C. Phillips (7) beat D. J. Bullock (-3½) +25; E. E. Rees (5) beat A. J. Betts (12) +2; Mrs H. J. Devitt (7½) beat A. S. C. Ross (9½) +20; Mrs S. J. Turner (6½) beat F. F. W. Sladden (5) +19; C. E. Knight (6) beat Mrs W. Naylor (7) +17. Fourth round: Phillips beat Vincent +24; Mrs Devitt beat Rees +16; Mrs Turner beat Knight +7. Handicap doubles, second round: Mrs E. R. Cox and Miss E. Hodgens (12) beat A. S. C. Ross and L. Bromfield (16½) +7; W. R. Bucknall and Mrs I. B. Tucker (11½) beat W. E. Moore and H. F. L. Jenkins (4) +11; H. J. Devitt and Mrs Devitt (13½) beat Mrs E. H. P. Mallinson and Mrs D. Mitchell (20) +5 on time; S. A. Tapp and A. E. C. Tapp (4) beat Mrs G. F. H. Elvey and R. L. Everest (5½) +14. Mrs N. A. C. McMillan and E. E. Rees (7½) beat Sir L. Daldry and Mrs R. E. Tucker (5) +8; W. R. Bulloch and Mrs S. J. Turner (5) beat Miss C. Cox and Mrs G. Silverman (13) +15; E. J. Tucker and D. M. Bull (7) beat H. A. Sheppard and Mrs E. V. Deakin (14½) +8; L. Riggall and Mrs Riggall (10½) beat F. Reynold and F. F. W. Sladden (6) +2. Third round: Bucknall and Mrs Tucker beat Mrs Cox and Miss Hodgens +6 on time; Tapp and Tapp beat Devitt and Mrs Devitt +10; Mrs McMillan and Rees beat Bulloch and Mrs Turner +12; Tucker and Bull beat Riggall and Mrs Riggall +6.

HURLINGHAM: Women's Field Cup: Ninth round: Mrs G. T. Wheeler beat Miss F. Joly +17; Mrs Sundius-Smith beat Mrs G. H. Wood +5; Mrs R. Meachem beat Mrs C. S. Digby +7. Tenth round: Mrs Wood beat Miss Joly +24; Mrs Wheeler beat Mrs Sundius-Smith +3; Miss B. Duthie beat Mrs Meachem +19. Eleventh round: Miss Duthie beat Mrs Wood +24; Mrs Wheeler beat Mrs Digby +17; Mrs Meachem beat Miss Joly +3. Positions after 11 rounds: Mrs Wheeler, 9 wins; Mrs Meachem, 8, Mrs Sundius-Smith, 6; Miss Duthie, 5; Mrs Wood, Miss Joly, 4; Mrs Digby. Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe withdrew.

Show jumping

ROTTERDAM: Navigation Prize: 1, H. Smock (West Germany), Gaylord, no faults, 40.6sec; 2, S. Soenksen (West Germany), Kwept, no faults, 40.9sec; 3, A. Simoes (Brazil), Abbeville, no faults, 41.4sec; 4, Miss D. Johnsey (GB), Croupier, no faults, 43.4sec. Erasmus Prize: 1, A. Schockemoehle (West Germany), Santa Monica, no faults, 68.0sec; 2, C. Cuyer (France), Velours, no faults, 71.9sec; 3, I. Mathy (Belgium), Grandioso, no faults, 72.3sec. Other competition: Schockemuehle, on Warwick, 66.0sec. British placing: 8, P. McMahon, on Streamline, 73.0sec.

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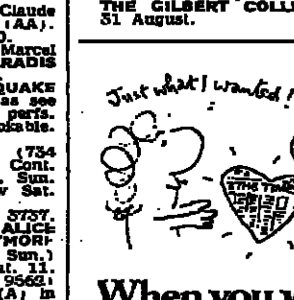
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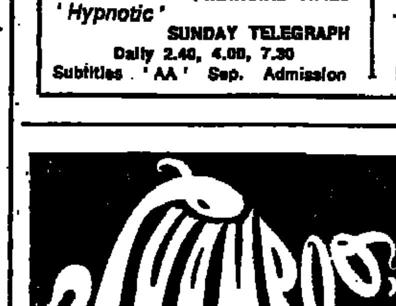
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ODEON HAYMARKET AND ODEON HIGH STREET KENSINGTON

THE ARTS

Palladio: farmhouse into country palace

Palladio
Hayward Gallery

Paul Overy

The portico and the farmyard. The relationship between those two most important aspects of Palladio's architecture is skilfully brought out by the juxtaposition of models and photographs in the main body of the exhibition. The beautifully made models, constructed for the 1973 Palladio exhibition at Vicenza, superbly mounted and lit, show the palatial and intellectual side of Palladio's genius. The well-chosen black-and-white photographs illustrate the other side: the sensuous handling of materials perfectly suited to the countryside in which the villas are set and the skilful integration of living and farm accommodation. They are supplemented by original drawings by Palladio from the Royal Institute of British Architects, which owns the largest collection of them in the world, a fact which reflects the influence that Palladio had in England. The organizers of the exhibition have wisely decided not to pursue that subject, which could make a separate show on its own.

The exhibition also includes introductory sections which set Palladio in his time and environment, including a section on interiors which includes furniture and fittings of the period, mainly drawn from the V and A and supplemented by paintings showing contemporary interiors. Displayed as they are at the Hayward, these do not quite succeed in setting the scene, for inevitably they have the look of the museum about them. The only way round that would have been to attempt to re-create a Palladian interior entire, obviously an impossible undertaking.

Nineteen of his villas survive and in these, and in the projects known from drawings and from Palladio's book *I Quattro Libri dell' Architettura*, published in Venice in 1570, he rarely repeats himself. There is an extraordinarily formal inventiveness within the freely adapted classical system he evolved. Palladio's originality was to look at Roman architecture in a new way; not the Hellenistic Roman architecture of Vitruvius, but the building of the Roman engineers, Rome's major contribution to the development of architecture, such as the baths of Caracalla, which Palladio sketched, and reconstructed in plan and sections in drawings.




Palladio, from an engraving by Francesco Zucchi, and, right, the Loggia del Capitaniat

The demand for country villas in the Veneto in the middle of the sixteenth century was the result of economic forces. Venice's power and foreign trade was declining and the aristocracy saw the need to invest their wealth in something solid and safe: the land. In combining the function of farmhouse and country palace into a unified whole Palladio, perhaps unconsciously, followed the pattern of the Roman villas of the empire, and it is possible that some of his villas may have been sited on the remains of Roman imperial villas. Although that was the method of design that Palladio adopted, it was not that of his contemporaries, Michele Sanmichele and Jacopo Sansovino, who had been educated in the Florentine tradition of architecture and who produced villas which followed the Tuscan tradition of keeping the farmyard and the portico separate.

The portico appears in nearly all Palladio's villas and is his hallmark. In the *Quattro Libri* he wrote that he used it "to show the entrance of the house" and because it added "very much to the grandeur and magnificence of the work, the front being thus made more eminent than the other parts". Often the portico is the only classical, or for that matter non-functional, element in the design. It was like a *sign* of nobility, of the villa's owners' and of its own pedigree, its ultimate classical origin.

In the most famous of Palladio's villas, the Rotunda, on the outskirts of Vicenza, Palladio incorporated not one but four porticoes and a dome, which makes it quite distinct from the rest. Unlike his other villas it is on a hilltop, close to the city, and has no provision for agriculture. It is all portico, no farmyard. The villa Almerico, as it should more properly be known, was built not for a gentleman farmer but for Poalo Almerica, a *monsignore* who had served as Referendary to Pius IV. In *Quattro Libri* Palladio lists the villa under city houses, not villas. The plate shows a different dome to that executed, much higher and more reminiscent of a church. (Perhaps it was not executed for that reason.) The dome as built is much flatter and seems to press the villa down firmly on to its hill, leading the eye down again to the porticoes and reinforcing the building's relationship with the ground on which it stands. The higher dome would have led the eye upward and would have drawn undue attention to itself. How it might have looked can be seen in the wooden model at the Hayward, where the dome from the plate in *Quattro Libri* is superimposed upon the dome as built.

Although Palladio's villas were his most original and influential designs, his city houses, municipal buildings, and churches are scarcely less so. The magnificent new loggias which he designed to go round three sides of the Basilica in Vicenza; the equally fine loggia for the house of the Capitanio of Vicenza; the Palazzo Thiene and the Palazzo Chiericati; the Palazzo da Porto-Breganze, of which only two bays were built and which now houses a telephone exchange (all in Vicenza). The Teatr was commissioned b fellow member of th circle, the Accademi The theatre, like Renaissance theatre of wood and survi with its permanent set, maintained Accademia, which tinues in Vicenza to

Palladio's great c in Venice were ec the church of the San Giorgio Mag facade of San Fra Vigna, the Conve Carità. These buildi calmness and ser different from the of earlier Venetian which aptly exp energy and volatili faring merchant ci the time Palladio design in Venice, i a maritime, mercant already been chall harmonious and grandeur of Palladi architecture is the equilibrium before slide into sweet de

Der Rosenkavalier
Coliseum

William Mann

The English National Opera's revival of John Copley's production, new last January, is reassuring (apart from some clumsy crowd scenes) because it now has, in Dennis Wicks, a credible as well as vivacious Baron Ochs, so that the principal characters are properly balanced. The new Octavian, Sandra Browne, is accomplished and of more than passing interest; the other roles, principal and subsidiary, led by Anne Evans's Marschallin and Valerie Masterson's Sophie, are distinctively presented also. And, after a good number of performances in London and on tour, the musical execution of this elaborate score, under Charles Mackerras on Wednesday, had gained in expertise and security of idiomatic style—particularly difficult when so specifically Viennese a work is performed in English translation.

Last season's Ochs played the part as an absurdly lewd, weather-beaten old yokel. Mr Wicks gives him a smattering of social breeding, and better still the looks and behaviour of a healthy young bull, ruddy of complexion, sturdy in bearing, with a gleam in the eye and a radiant smile, obviously a favourite in his rustic seat and superficially a personable candidate for the hand of Sophie von Faninal. His ripe bass voice is a delight, keenly inflected, and if he cannot whistle through his teeth, he keeps the farcical business under control. He does not rouse sympathy in his final discomfiture: by the time he escapes from the tavern he has realized that his geniality will be more successful at home than in snobbish Vienna, where his social standing carries infinitely less weight than in Lerchenau.

To cast a West Indian mezzo as Octavian might seem a daredevil act of anti-racialism, but Sandra Browne sweeps such considerations aside. She acts the hypersensitive young aristocratic boy effortlessly and to constantly illuminating purpose, whether in courtship, momentary *joi de vivre*, fits of uncertainty and depression, or simply in standing on the inborn Rofrano dignity; she is a nice Mariandel too, clumsy and cheeky and with a sharply observed Cockney accent (more comic than the usual Mummerset or vaguely Northern speech).

Her voice has grown freer and sounds more mature than before, quite secure and richly glowing until a tiny lapse at the end; she articulates words vividly and with exceptional clarity—had she improved the translation or were we just hearing it clearly for the first time? A dark-skinned Rofrano makes sense anyhow: why else *do* the Lerchenau mob denigrate him as a dago?

A Sight of Glory
Cockpit

Irving Wardle

After the Shaw production of *Lord of Misrule*, this is the National Youth Theatre's second new play within a week; coupled with the revival of *Zigger Zagger* that will make a trio of mass-cast shows played by adolescents and dramatizing the transition from childhood to the adult world.

Textual niggling aside, I have found this an exciting spectacle; and one that defines the character and unique function of the NYT more clearly than any previous season in its past 20 years. For all I know, the particular social problems raised by these plays may be utterly remote from the lives of the actors; but in the general sense of showing a new generation fighting to reconcile its dreams with a ticket on the gravy train, the performances are inescapably autobiographical. And I have rarely witnessed the emergence of so many vivid and assertive personalities as have appeared this week.

As with Peter Terson in the past, they have an able spokesman in Barrie Keeffe who is entirely at home with the egalitarian group play, and with adolescent action and speech patterns (not that the NYT would let him get away with it if he got them wrong). He is also a specialist in career sports, as a working-class escape route from anonymous servitude.

After football and cricket, subjects of his earlier plays, comes boxing; and, as usual, the message is that of the hopefuls ar make it, but, given tive, it is worth the keep punching.

Most of the play in an East End g couple of club run the boys through ev outs for the ABA of them are in de and as an added sti have the example defeated parents.

The action is buil a mosaic of characte There is Kev, an prone hypochondria into boxing by a d father; Jimmy, who the game up to es domestic hell with h Erroll, a black boy tion, who couples a c talent with an Ali-li

Most of the cast itemized is this wa disadvantage is this thereby obliged to merry-go-round, gi everyone at regular and giving them things to say just to who they are. Well, not immune from and the test is the the characters and their movement story. On both coun Croft's production p ease, building to a pared triple climax, behind an authentic part of Britain rare the stage.

Tony Gouveia, Bi Michael Ford and ot company also projec vigorously individua sonalities, developin spate in the hothou gym, and pretty s stunted once they ha gloves.

Lew Harper resurfaces

The Drowning Pool (a)
ABC 2, Shaftesbury Avenue

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (aa)
Rialto

The Eiger Sanction (aa)
Empire

In *The Drowning Pool* Paul Newman resumes the character of Lew Harper, Ross MacDonald's cynical, wearily efficient private eye, which he first played in *The Moving Target* (called *Harper* in the United States; MacDonald's character was originally Archer, but Newman changed the name because "H", as in *The Hustler* or *Hud*, is good for him).

We are in the same country, even if it is the Deep South instead of California; for Ross MacDonald's is very much the country of Raymond Chandler. Again the film opens with Harper's arrival at the great house, summoned by the rich and embittered woman (Joanne Woodward) with a chilled-off marriage and a wayward nymphomane daughter. Again, at the root of all the violent and sinister events that befall the characters, wrapping them in an atmosphere as palpable as the mists of Transylvania, is an autocrat as loony as he is powerful: Murray Hamilton plays the mad and murderous oil king very much in the style of Strother Martin in the earlier film.

The difference between the two films is that Paul Newman and the director Stuart Rosenberg play this one a good deal straighter than *The Moving Target*, in which the director Jack Smight felt a need to distance himself with a certain irony. Here they are content and unashamed to make a plain oldfashioned private eye melodrama (which makes it a good deal less pretentious than the last Newman-Rosenberg collaboration on *WUSA*, if less stylish than *Cool Hand Luke*); and it works quite efficiently at this level.

Newman adapts himself amiably to the generally two-dimensional treatment of the characters, and plays the mechanical drama and familiar dialogue (final pay-off line: "You're not such a tough guy, Harper") for precisely what it is worth. The drowning pool itself—whose mechanics it would be unkind to reveal—stands out as a singularly effective, ingenious and spectacular suspense sequence.

Since I never saw the original *Rocky Horror Show* I can at least be neutral about the effectiveness of its translation to the screen, which I would reckon successful to the extent that it does look like a film and not a piece of filmed theatre. Not a very good film, maybe; but the *sort of film it set out to be*, combining *Top of the Pops* visuals, Sixties camp, and loose parody of the B-picture horror-movie tradition.

The parody would obviously have been a great deal more effective if the film-makers had tried harder for the look and style of the originals—the *chiaroscuro* (which, as Hammer always proved, you cannot get in colour anyway) and the peculiarly electric noise of movie-Gothic thunderstorms—besides simply guying plots and dialogue. The young scientist, in true B-horror style, is driven, with his fiancée, to seek refuge from an infernal storm in the Old Dark House of the strange Frank N. Furter, who has just completed his monster.

It's a slick enough first film by *Rocky's* original stage director, Jim Sharman, who has also scripted the film with the original Rocky Horror writer Richard O'Brien, who appears as Riff Raff, the eerie butler; but it needed a lot more purpose and style in conception.

A bit more assurance would have given a lot more piquancy to the notion of a bisexual, transvestite Frankenstein, who makes himself a beautiful beefcake instead of Boris Karloff; or a Forties hero who gets raped, with evident pleasure, in the night and a virginal heroine who is so turned on that she squeals (in one of the better musical numbers) "Take me, feel me, make me". The flabbiness of camp could have acquired a stiffening of satire.

Tim Curry who re-creates his stage role as Frank N. Furter, must to a great extent have helped Rocky Horror's fluke stage success. He has a certain star authority, and he flaunts the metallic voice and hard eyes of a drag pro. Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick have the authentic idiocy of Forties film juveniles; and Charles Gray is nicely self-important as a criminologist-narrator of the Edgar Lustgarten school.

After the quite startling promise of *Play Misty for Me* and *High Plains Drifter*, Clint Eastwood's career as a director has itself gone somewhat adrift with *Breezy* and *The Eiger Sanction*. The character names of his new film—Professor Hemlock (Eastwood), Wormwood, Dragon, Freytag, Miss Cerberus—promise a certain irony of approach; but it turns out a straight and definitely un-humorous treatment of a particularly silly piece of James Bond-type international espionage and assassination.

The characters, plot twists and dialogue are all straight from stock; and Clint Eastwood, who can on occasion conjure a certain star aura, gives himself little more to do than bare his teeth or act off-hand when women in droves throw themselves at him.

The *raison d'être* of the film is an extended sequence supposed to take place on the north face of the Eiger. Clearly everybody concerned cared for it: it is elaborately and bravely staged, and beautifully photographed; but the director's handling and assembly is so plodding that it never builds up more tension than crossing Oxford Street: and the climbers—all but Eastwood—fall to their deaths without producing a *frisson*.

David Robinson

BBC Scottish SO / Seaman
Albert Hall / Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

It is good to be able to report that the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Christopher Seaman were in much better form for the second of their Prom appearances on Wednesday. One might have been listening to a different ensemble and, of course, in many respects one was: Debussy's forces are somewhat different from Bach's, and the change suited them.

The mysterious, warm flow of *Ibéria*, the opening work, was amply sustained, even if some of the subtleties of Debussy's scoring were blurred. In part, that was the fault of the players' occasional shortcomings; in part it was due to Mr Seaman's tendency at times to highlight a soloist or section. Nevertheless, the healthy sunny aspects of the piece were strongly communicated.

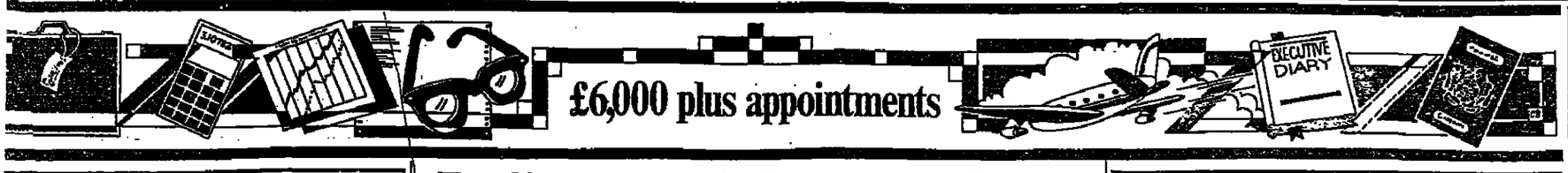
Feelings of joy and confidence persisted in the first movement of Mozart's piano concerto in E flat, K449. The orchestral playing was proud, brave and smiling, while Walter Klien at the keyboard displayed similar qualities in a more ex quisite manner; seemed pleased with well it might. In t everything was most judged, with Mr Kli consciously producing of phrasing, tone an

The evening's othe Jane Manning, had t coolly declaiming messages which lie scription across Davies's *Stone Lita* piece has been seen senting a relaxation rancing in Davies's Wednesday's pe brought out to the ful ness, anguish and vehemence. The str stretch as painfully as his earlier orchestra the harmonies are as di and the cryptic rhyth jurings continue as be last, together with the of a dead language, impression of a secr mony, a litany indeed. The work is truly an of Orkney, the outlook fractured and menacin

Elgar's *Enigma* V brought a return to ground, although not Mr Seaman, to the o He vividly displayed sonality of each sectio are, after all, characte tions par excellence showed throughout a command of Elgar's p line.

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Defining social responsibility

The phrase "social responsibility" is one which is being constantly used by individuals, companies, trade unions and the Government while Britain is in a period of economic instability.

However, a recent survey carried out by the Public Relations Consultants Association devoted much of its efforts to find out what the phrase meant to 1,000 of the country's leading executives with interesting and important results.

Because of the constant use, or possibly misuse, of the phrase a series of questions was put to the executives to try to determine what the phrase means to them in the context of their business.

The majority, 29 per cent, placed generous employee policies at the top of their list with customer service second, environmental protection third, employment of minority groups (coloured people, old people and disabled people) in fourth place and employee participation in decision making fifth.

Possibly a reflection of the closeness of government legislation in this area resulted in the disclosure of information about the company commercial position in sixth place, with profit distribution seventh, consultation with local government officials eighth, contributions to education and charity ninth, and ironically since the survey was carried out by the Public Relations Consultants Association, public relations was in tenth place.

The association regards the high placing of generous employee policies as significant. Those outside the business world, it has been discovered, think of social responsibility in terms of air pollution, noise, payment to local and national charities or providing services to the community such as giving time and money to the aged.

The chief executive on the other hand sees the employee as his main social responsibility and this is confirmed by other findings in the survey. Second in priority is the customer and this echoes the opinion expressed in a survey among managers carried out by Simon Webley and published in 1973 by the Christian Association of Business Executives.

In this latest survey the environmental issue was placed third, although nearly 19 per cent of those who took part placed it first or second when they thought about the meaning of social responsibility.

The chief executive's tendency to see his social responsibility in terms of his employee was borne out in the response to another question in the survey which asked what benefits other than those legally required do companies offer to employees. On pensions 95 per cent bettered the legal requirements; on redundancy payments 80 per cent did so, over 39 per cent disclosed more information about their companies than required to and 81 per cent subsidized sports and social clubs.

The Association remarks that in three of these four areas of policy it is apparent that the majority of businesses go well beyond the statutory requirements in the way they treat their workforce. Pension provision has always been an area which, until recently, has been well in advance of the statutory requirements.

However, in an age of rapid inflation, pension provisions in a number of cases have proved to be less than adequate, but on the disclosure of information—not strictly a fringe benefit—two out of five take the position that employees should have more information than is strictly their right.

Another aspect of the businessman's perception of social responsibility is to discern what he, as opposed to the outsider, considers to be socially irresponsible. The survey approached this question by first asking the chief executives if, in his opinion, there were any socially irresponsible practices within his business sector that he knew of. To this 61 per cent said no, 32 per cent yes and 6 per cent said that they did not know.

The third who replied yes were asked to list the practices that they disapproved of. The most frequently mentioned were pollution, policies towards people adopted following take-overs, hire and fire policies, failure to honour agreements and inadequate pension policies.

The last complaint came from the age group over 55 that private sector pension schemes are increasingly in deficit. Already major private sector companies are allocating significant proportions of their profits to bolster inadequate pension funds.

The survey also showed that when it comes to being accused of social irresponsibility fewer than three in ten of the chief executives admitted having received such an accusation. Of those a third had received a private communication and the others had been accused publicly.

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Will Italy try to save itself by gambling with communism

Italy is waiting for a new miracle just when most Italians have stopped believing that miracles can happen. That is why so many more than usual voted for the Communists at the last elections and why, from the crowded summer beaches, the autumnal prospect looks misty but not mellow and not fruitful.

It is an intriguing moment. Like any moment of genuine excitement, there is an element of danger because the prophets of gloom may not be wrong with the promise of new experiences which may be illuminating for the whole of the West but painful for the Italians. Gambling tugs still harder at the instinct, the more there is to be lost and gained.

The Italians may be about to provide a lesson in how a humane version of communism can be put to good use to help correct the abuses and the mistakes and the degeneration of public life under a form of democracy distorted by a lack hitherto of any possible alternative government.

Or they may be about to write off democracy once again. They may be evolving a workable economic society with capitalistic as well as collective elements to replace the "capitalist's dream" which was another name coined for what the less perceptive used to call the Italian economic miracle—meaning the vigorous period of expansion which followed the postwar reconstruction. And they may just sink back, politically and economically, into a listless and just about supportable confusion marked only by a rueful raising of the shoulders if anyone should ever talk about miracles again.

The elections on June 15 amounted to one of those decisive battles in which actual losses and gains were comparatively few but the situation as a whole was radically changed. The governing Christian Democrats lost comparatively little ground yet psychologically and in practice suffered their first real political defeat in the period of 30 years in which they have been in power. The communist gains were substantial but, once again, the psychological and practical advance far exceeded the additional votes. For the first time since the war, the Communists have the political initiative. They are the biggest party in almost all the leading cities: they are in government in five instead of three of the 15 regions which voted on June 15 and one of their gains was Piedmont, the heart-land, if it can be put in such a way, of the tarnished old miracle. They have practically destroyed at the level of the higher echelons of regional and local government the concept of the centre-left coalition, essentially the alliance between Christian Democrats and Socialists which has dominated Italian political life for a dozen years or more.

Regions as unlike each other as Lombardy and Lucania now have in common administrations which eloquently show the change, the more so because the difference in appearance with what went before is small. They have centre-left coalitions broadened by formal agreements with the Communists even if the Communists remain technically in opposition. Or at least sufficiently in opposition for the Christian Democratic leadership in Rome to be able to convince itself (and few others) that the principle of majority rule and minority opposition has been saved. The Communists in fact abstained in the vote on these two administrations as they also did in Campania.

The national Government is a weak, minority administration of Christian Democrats and Republicans with outside support from Socialists and Social Democrats. It would not survive a real attack from the Communists and some leading socialists are already asking that a new government be formed which would explicitly accept communist cooperation, at least from outside its own ranks.

The Christian Democrats for the moment scarcely exist. Of course they remain on paper the biggest single party with their twelve million votes and still lead the government, but they are under the biggest storm-cloud of public disapproval that has ever flashed and thundered about their ears.

Last month they called their party's national council to examine the cause of their electoral defeat. The defeat was not isolated; it had followed a serious setback in May last year when they failed in an attempt at repealing divorce legislation by referendum. The council devoted several days to grappling with the problem of removing the party secretary, Senator Amintore Fanfani, a feat which they brought off with extreme indignity. They then fell to choosing a successor from among themselves, and burnt still more of their remaining bridges with the outside world.

Two powerful candidates, each regarding the prize as his, went to a vote and suffered humiliating failure. Other ambitious candidates rediscovered the virtues of prudence and there was reasonably widespread agreement to ask the council's chairman, Signor Benigno Zaccagnini, a respected personality with an undistinguished political career, to become a transitional secretary while the party set about reforming itself. And soon the hopeful were referring to him as "benign the twenty-third" in the hope that, like the late Pope John XXIII, a man elected as a transitional solution might miraculously turn out the great reformer.

The Vatican makes no secret of its bitter dismay at the way in which this Catholic party has thrown away its chances, to the immediate benefit of the Communists. Shocked criticism of the party at the higher reaches of the Vatican is divided between the spectacle of personal ambition and power as predominant over any other considerations and a broader judgement on the unbalanced way in which the country has developed under Christian Democratic rule. Progress without planning, advance without social justice are seen to have brought the country, internally, to its present state of frustration, while the quarrels of its leaders are seen to have brought the party into disrepute inside Italy and beyond.

Frustration is certainly there: if nothing else the hectic nature of the holiday season would show as much. Ask any grocer, barber, bar-keeper, newsvendor, and they all talk of the glint of desperation in the eyes of their clients as they temporarily cancelled their regular orders ("we are off to the last beach", with a tense laugh). But there is little agreement on the degree of seriousness of the country's sickness.

Some four million workers, including that aristocratic class of the workers movement, the engineering workers, are due this autumn to see their collective contracts renegotiated. Official figures show unemployment at over one million. There are in fact many more because of the number of men on short time which in a great number of cases means that they are paid for not going to the factory as an interim measure before moving into the ranks of the official unemployed. The number of young people looking for their first job is increasing fast: in April they were 416,000 as compared with 308,000 a year earlier, an increase of 35 per cent.

The Government's recent measures for stimulating the economy have had an indifferent reception. Dr Guido Carli, the outgoing Governor of the Bank of Italy, loftily dismissed them as inadequate and Signor Giovanni Agnelli, chairman of the Confederation of Industry regarded them as likely to be effective only if promptly applied, which is much like crying for the moon in the present state of Italy's bureaucratic machine.

Industrial production has fallen consistently, by comparison with a year earlier, every month since October. Little is heard now of the effort in the spring by which the commercial deficit was eliminated, except for oil, an achievement shown to be much less than the new miracle which some enthusiasts were claiming for it. The Confederation of Industry point out that the June elections made the task of increasing production still harder. There is renewed talk of capital leaving the country, more for fear this time of the political situation than in a search for more attractive interest rates.

Inevitably, the Confederation's attitude towards the governing party has grown increasingly resentful. Signor Agnelli himself has equated Christian Democracy with bad government and produced the aphorism that industrialists are now facing the alternative of believing in a revisionist communism or the power of revival of the Catholic Party. He was speaking after the election at a meeting organised in Florence by the Confederation which, for the first time, was addressed by a Communist. And he spoke a matter of days before the city of Turin, where his Fiat works are based, elected its first communist Mayor for 25 years. Italy not only has the biggest communist party in the West but the biggest cities to be administered by Communists in the West.

Whatever the autumn brings, Signor Agnelli will be one of the few personalities in a position to bring a strong influence to bear on events. He has brought a modern outlook to the leadership of private industry; his sense of style and his cosmopolitan outlook make him stand out all the more from the sad and blinkered factiousness of the country's political governors. His antagonist ought to be the foremost figure in the trade union movement, Signor Luciano Lama who is a Communist. In fact, their public utterances show them as being notably close in many of their judgments. They face a similar danger; the comparatively adventurous Signor Agnelli has to retain the active loyalty of industrialists who for the most part have far fewer resources both in capital and in a more general sense of psychological security than he has. Signor Lama's sense of responsibility—he has recently said that employment must take precedence over higher wages—will have to be convincing enough to carry with it the rank and file of his union members. They have been remarkably restrained in meeting the inflationary wringing out of their wages but they can hardly be expected to behave immaculately given the difficulties they are already facing. These contractual negotiations will be the most immediate test of whether Italy's next phase is to be constructive or still more damaging.

What amounts to an attempt, conscious or unconscious, at defining relationships in a post-consumer society is taking place against a political background which is similarly experimental. Both Christian Democrats and Socialists, the basis of the old centre-left alliance, know that something profoundly different is happening around them but they cannot give up their old practices of intrigue and personal rivalries; with the result that a system is breaking down much quicker than a new one is being constructed. Familiar habits are going or gone while things to come are not yet clear on the horizon. The Communists were as surprised as any by the extent of their gains, not only in votes but the immediate process of disintegration which set in among their opponents. They might now be looking aghast at the problems facing them of ruling Turin, taking a leading hand in Milan, in Naples, in Venice and, probably, next year in Rome itself, all of them cities which are a nightmare to their administrators because of the accumulation of old issues and the consequences of the inflation of the population in the cities. The Communists rule Bologna well. They regard it as their elegant visiting card into the realms of the respectable governing class. But Bologna has a tradition of left-wing radicalism; it has been less troubled than other cities by immigration, and the Communists have an overall majority.

It would be ingenuous to try to make the best of the situation by saying that at least they will organize local government well. Their national average of 30 per cent of the vote is no basis for forceful rule. If this is a relief to their opponents, it is a warning to their supporters not to expect too much from them.

The Communists have another difficulty. Their official strategy is that of the "historic compromise" which meant an agreement to share government with the Christian Democrats. But they can scarcely add their horses to a team which no longer has the discipline to pull its own share of the chariot. And, secondly, the Christian Democrats have managed to maintain a certain negative resilience. They are willing to put a brave face on arrangements in local government which permit the Communists to have some formal relationship with administrations led by Christian Democrats so long as it remains clear that the Communists are not within the administration. But they have strongly opposed any effort at forcing the "compromise" itself.

The position so far at the local level is that directly and indirectly the power of the Communists has notably increased and their advance has ended the long centre-left balance. It has also brought some remarkable figures into prominence: the Republican Signor Giuseppe Galasso who is trying to put together a totally new municipal administration in Naples with communist support is a leading example. The success of Professor Galasso, who belongs to the splendid tradition of lay Neapolitan radicalism, would be a fundamental change in the languishing affairs of the south's principal city, almost worth calling a miracle if miracles were not so frequent amidst the weed-sown baroque of Neapolitan religious life.

The region of Campania, of which Naples is the capital, alone has a quarter of the country's officially registered workless. Naples is regarded as the city most likely to explode if measures are not taken to improve prospects. Its 150,000 unemployed are one of the reasons why Signor Galasso himself has called it a powder-keg. And the apparent end of a corrupt Christian Democratic hegemony could provide the first step.

At some point, however, the Christian Democrats must in some way return to the national scene, preferably chastened and more sensitive to the country's requirements. They remain after all the largest single party if now only a few points ahead of the Communists. They have to choose an attempt at complete renewal if only for the simple reason that the traditional bases of their support no longer exist. The Church is not now in a position to act as the party's primary ... even if it were disp... The women were a... of Christian Demo... port; quite u... Italian women (a... the poet Pasolini ... have understood i... shrewder way than ... the changes that ... over the country an... comings shown in d... change by success... ments. Almost cert... of them voted left, ... of the newly e... young people. By t... talk, they intend ... again.

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Jubilant Italian Communists celebrating election victories in June.

A simple way to close the loopholes in the jury system

Controversy over the jury system is not new, but research into its operation is fairly recent. In 1965 the Chief Constable of Leicester was brave enough to draw attention to the startlingly high percentage of not guilty pleas which led to acquittals by juries. Later, as Chief Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, he reiterated his doubts about the justice of jury decisions in his famous Dimbleby Lecture. Meanwhile his figures had attracted the attention of research workers, notably Sarah McCabe at Oxford and later Michael Zander at the London School of Economics. Their analysis of a sample of prosecution at higher courts did not so much contradict Sir Robert Mark's figures as put them in perspective.

Out of every 100 defendants (and this seems to be roughly true of both metropolitan and provincial courts) about 60 plead guilty while another 23 are found guilty by juries. Of the remaining 17, about six are acquitted by the judge's direction, not the jury's decision. This leaves about a dozen.

In how many of these cases is the jury's decision to acquit perverse, in the light of the evidence? The answer must, in the nature of things, be impressionistic; but Sarah McCabe and Michael Zander agree that the fraction is less than one in 10. In short, the perverse acquittal probably occurs about once in a hundred prosecuted cases.

What Sir Robert Mark made clear, however, in his Bramshill lecture last week, is that his concern is over the acquittals of successful professional criminals. To this, as he rightly says, the results of research are so far irrelevant (because of course it has been investigating his original contention that the acquittal rate in general was excessive. *Prima facie* he may well be right in saying that a combination of defence tactics, intimidated witnesses and naive juries is allowing these professionals to escape conviction. The only research results so far suggest that men with previous convictions are if anything *more* likely to be convicted than those without. This is not reassuring.

If Sir Robert is right, the men he is worrying about are clever enough to have no previous convictions. I have suggested that it would be highly relevant to know whether the Metropolitan Police can point to a group of defendants with an unnaturally high number of previous *acquittals*; but this suggestion has not yet been taken up.

Meanwhile, the attack on the jury seems concentrated on the occasional perversity of its decisions. We know very little about the way in which these are arrived at. Jurors are instructed not to discuss their proceedings afterwards, and while some are prepared to gossip privately or publicly anyone who tries to interview them systematically runs the risk of a judicial reprimand, if not worse. Mock trials, however well done, are known to be unreal by the mock jurors. Sarah McCabe's brilliant idea of taking "shadow juries" (chosen from the jury roll) to watch real trials from the public gallery, and then recording their discussions and decisions, is the closest approach to realism that has so far been achieved. Her tape recordings revealed some irrelevant argument and special pleading, but not enough to discredit her juries who agreed with the real juries in three out of four cases.

But how important is the discussion in the jury room? In the United States, where juries usually take a first ballot as soon as they retire, research workers found that in nine out of 10 cases, the first ballot predicted the eventual verdict: the subsequent discussion merely served to convert enough of the minority to provide a majority of the requisite size (and in any case one third of the juries were unanimous at first ballot). We must not of course disregard the 10 per cent of cases in which the minority eventually triumphed, but we have not yet been told what these were like.

What about jurors' qualifications? There was some anxiety about the possibility of a rise in acquittal rates when the property qualification was abolished and everyone on the electoral register (bar a few exemptions and disqualifications) became liable for jury service. Home Office figures however showed no significant change in the pattern of verdicts. But should jurors' capacity to understand documents, figures and diagrams be tested, especially in complex cases? This would probably improve the quality of discussion, although it is questionable whether one illiterate juror will swing nine out of the other 11 to his side.

The right of challenge is exercised very cautiously here in comparison with the United States, largely because neither defence nor prosecution knows much about the jurors who are called forward (in Scotland their occupations are listed, and are sometimes used by the defence to eliminate white collared jurors). To allow *avoir dire* in which jurors could be asked their views on bank robbery or rape would add hours if not days to important trials, without any guarantee of a more accurate verdict.

We must probably think more radically than this if we are to meet Sir Robert Mark's criticism. Most radical of all is Mr Louis Blom-Cooper's proposal (in a television discussion) to dispense with lay juries in favour of a wholly judicial tribunal. But juries can function in a way that lawyers cannot. The obvious historical example was their refusal to convict in capital cases where hanging seemed disproportionate to the offence. Nowadays they still function to correct the law, though less spectacularly. The defence of provocation is a good example: juries will often accept it in the face of judicial advice that the accused had time for his temper to cool.

Could the judge be combined with the jury, so that the latter's discussions could be envigilated and kept to the point? The evidence from other European countries where the judge sits with lay assessors suggests that they seldom disagree with him, even when they sit regularly with him.

In any case these are very sweeping ideas for dealing with a very specific problem—the occasional acquittal of a person whom the police have reason to regard as a serious menace. There is one solution which goes straight to the point: a right of appeal by the prosecution. This exists in many countries—including at least one common-law jurisdiction, Canada. It preserves trial by jury, since the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) could be allowed not to substitute a conviction for an acquittal, but merely to order a retrial (as it can now in certain other circumstances). If the retrial resulted in a conviction, the accused would have his right of appeal.

This is the sort of procedure which the prosecution would want to invoke only in cases which they regarded as so important as to be worth the trouble; but if any further safeguard seemed necessary it could take the form of a requirement that the trial judge should give leave for a prosecu...

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Was Wilson talking to himself?

The "year for Britain" campaign did not get off to a flying start with the Prime Minister's well-publicized nationwide broadcast. When we sallied forth to gauge public reaction, the first 16 people we asked had not watched Wilson.

Even people whose sets were switched on at the time confessed that they had not been listening. "I was visiting my aunt" and "it was on, but we were reading" were among the lame excuses offered.

The first person who had both watched and listened, a university history lecturer, said: "It didn't get me up tingling in every nerve saying I must save my country". A cleaning woman of a keenly political turn of mind said: "My husband's one of the unemployed I think he gave last year to Britain".

The number of people who said they could not stand party political broadcasts almost equalled the number of people who said they could not stand Harold Wilson, but there were also a few who could not stand television. "I don't think the medium lends itself to the fight against inflation", said the conductor of a No 38 bus. "I only watch boxing myself. Then at least you can see who is fighting who, and what he's up against".

"It's the same old story always", said a newsvendor. "Honest, I thought it was some old newsreel they were running for a joke". A taxi-driver said he thought Wilson looked very well, and that he was glad he had gone back to resume his holidays. "Perhaps he'll leave us alone for a bit now".

People with well-cut suits mentioned that Wilson had not said a word about government spending, but they faltered when asked to repeat anything he had said. "It was just a load of flannel as far as I was concerned", said a solicitor, while a stockbroker suggested that Wilson had really been speaking to himself. "He is just trying to convince himself that it will be politically possible to do what the rest of us have known for years would be absolutely essential in the end".

Another contender in our obfuscation series: "This research is intended to contribute to formulation of action initiatives", write the Benwell Community Project, meaning that they are trying to find out what should be done.

Talk

The English language is undergoing considerable changes in pronunciation. The intrusive "r" is advancing northwards, and is already over the Yorkshire border; and the glottal stop is spreading alarmingly far beyond its birthplace of Glasgow.

This disturbing news was given by Dr John Wells, to an international conference of phonetics experts in Leeds yesterday. Phoneticists are men of science rather than of moral philosophy, and they refuse to say whether the changes in our manner of speaking are good or bad. But they revel in precision; the German chairman of yesterday's session challenged a Dutch visitor over how the visitor pronounced his own name, and he fenced with an East German delegate for some moments on the correct way to say Leipzig.

Dr Wells, allowing himself a little intrusion of his own when he "arsked" (like that) his audience to consider a point, said that we now add "r" to the end of more and more words which do not include it in their spelling, while dropping it from those which do. Only in the New England states of America is this practice considered a stigma, and in England it daily becomes more common to rhyme China with finer and shah with star.

Even what Wells calls "statusful speakers", like BBC newsreaders, do it all the time, and he played a tape of a radio news bulletin reporting heavy fighting in Cambodiar. Other BBC examples included an attack on Famagustar, and a Rhodesian black leader called Bishop Muzorewar, and a prize horror from a radio drama in which an actor declared that someone was snowing in the drawering room.

As if that were not enough, Wells produced the further bad news that the traditional final tongue-tip gesture towards the aveolal ridge has given way in many cases to a glottal closive. In other words, we are dropping the "t" in phrases like "quite easy". The aveolal ridges of Londoners in particular are said to be almost redundant.

There is also the problem of the "statusful target accent", where people who do not think they talk proper try hard to talk posh. Thus Northerners, who traditionally rhyme "percussion" with "cushion" can make asses of themselves by rhyming "cushion" with "percussion", and "put" with "but". West Indians in London have the same trouble, having traditionally no "th" sound. They are led to believe that to speak well every letter "t" should become a "th" and often speak of "buth" for "but" and "beth" for "bed".

One current fad which Wells identifies is the pronunciation of solve and involve with a long "o". This, he said politely, originated in under-identification by cockneys, which is another way of saying that cockneys cannot speak correctly. There is another fashion for moving the stress in such words as primarily and harass from the first to the second syllable, which goes against the general historical trend of the language. This Wells blames on American and British regional influences. And there is always the old controversy about how to pronounce controversy.

A visiting Czech professor thought that in England "r" and "w" were becming synonymous, but Wells replied that this was only the case in Oxford, while the Soviet delegate thought that the intrusive "r" was nothing more than a slip of the tongue.

Wells summed it up with a startling obfuscation: "Any description of nonrhotic accents in terms of delating "r" in nonprevocalic environments may accordingly have only diphonological validity." It means people do it without noticing.

Painful

Our bureaucrats are not sitting comfortably. The journal *Public Service and Local Government Appointments* enterprisingly got Dr Bernard Watkin, an orthopaedic specialise, to have a look at the chairs used by the Greater London Council's top officers.

The GLC has more than 11,000 staff sitting about central London, and with the Inner London Educational Authority spends more than £400,000 a year on chairs. Yet even Sam Swallow, the director of supplies, whose department spends the money, told Watkin that he thought his own chair was "dreadful ... but I didn't think we could afford to replace it". Swallow said he walked about a lot, and often used a humble domestic chair when he wanted to do some serious work.

The assistant director of establishments, Alan Fowler, was even worse off. Dissatisfied with his own chair, he had been going round the offices trying other people's, but could not find one that was comfortable for writing in. "I spend half an hour twice a week lying on the office floor with a sore back", he said.

The council's medical adviser, Dr Guy Wrigley, occupied what Watkin thought was the most satisfactory chair he saw. But Wrigley said he only had it because his last chair had collapsed beyond repair, and he had refused the bigger, more impressive chair w... supplies departme... wanted him to ha... replacement.



Abandoned

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PRIORITY UNCHANGED

hile the popular prints have, derstandably, made much of one and a quarter million employed figure for the ited Kingdom as a whole, the ures published yesterday are tative evidence for the thesis at the rate of increase of employment is slowing. rtainly, by any measure of employment (be it for the ole United Kingdom or just Great Britain, seasonally justed or crudely recorded, cluding school leavers and ult students, or counting them unemployment is at levels at are without precedent since e war. Further, whatever Gov- nment may or may not do, the el of unemployment will rise r a considerable time to come.

During the four weeks to the ddle of August, however, the derlying level of unemploy- ent seemed to be increasing at mething just over seven thous- d a week, compared with some- ing closer to fifteen thousand a eek in the previous month. This test, somewhat lower figure mes at the end of a series of raordinarily large jumps in e level of unemployment, each nth since March. The sudden rge of unemployment took ficial forecasters by surprise, using the Government potential litical embarrassment. For the Treasury had not expected the underlying level of unemployment for Great Britain to reach the one million mark until the later part of the year. Until the publication of these latest figures it seemed that this sensitive mark might be reached this month. Now it seems as if it might not even be reached next month.

This will be something of a relief to the Government, as it faces the annual season of political and trade union conferences. For many have seriously doubted, and some still doubt, the ability of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to keep the Government holding the line of its anti-inflation policy, in the face of unemployment soaring above one million. If, however, the Government can withstand pressures to reflate the economy through the autumn, there is the glimmer of a chance that the economy might come out of the present recession with inflation under something approaching control and the balance of payments in a tolerable condition.

It is the only chance and it must not be thrown away. The latest figures, earlier this week, for increases in wage rates and earnings give clear grounds for thinking that the inflationary push of wage costs, though still there, has passed its peak. The United States economy is emerging from its recession and other major industrial countries are in the process of reflating, giving support to the hope that the British economy will sense the benefit of the pick-up in world demand during 1976. The essential requirement is that the sources of domestically generated inflation, notably the towering imbalance of the public finances and the inflationary expectations that have become established in the nation's general behaviour, should be contained.

All would be put at risk by a premature burst of fiscal or monetary reflation. Not even employment would be aided, except in the briefest timescale. For the clear evidence of this prolonged inflationary spasm is that, in conditions of inflation, it is labour that is priced out of the market place. In each of the post-war business cycles the rising trend of inflation has been associated with a rising trend of underlying unemployment. High unemployment is economically and socially wasteful. But present levels of inflation are economically and socially damaging and the battle against inflation must continue to have priority for many months yet to come.

IMOR BEING TORN APART

political situation is so stable and so complex as one a country where nine-tenths the population live in primi- e conditions, totally outside y idea of political action, while remaining tenth are the tiny ucated class who make con- ting demands on behalf of whole country. This seems be the problem in Portuguese nor which is only half an nd, with a population of),000, while the other half of island, with a rather larger pulation, has been a part of lonesia since it was ceded by Netherlands in 1950. The lonesians would be happy to e in Portuguese Timor too. But the current troubles in nor cannot be blamed marily on Apodeti, the party sting to support the Indo- ian claim. It is admittedly smallest of the three parties, oying the least support. The er two are Fretilin, which nands immediate indepen- ce on a fully leftist platform, the UDT, which accepts that tuguese rule should continue some years until such time he territory can prepare itself an independence that so tiny educated class could scarcely sustain. When a mission ived from Lisbon more than a year ago to see how Timor's claims could be fitted into those already acknowledged in Mozambique and Angola it found that neither immediate independence nor inclusion within the vast island territories of Indonesia would be an appropriate fate.

To give effect to this conclusion it was not enough to leave Timor alone. A small politically active class concentrated in a tiny capital will soon profit from its links with other powers to keep rivalries on the boil. Earlier this month, the apparently most moderate of the three political parties, UDT, endeavoured to seize power, evidently in fear that if the continued connexion with Portugal was not thus asserted the Fretilin group, who were demanding immediate independence, would make their own bid in some kind of takeover. That bid has now been made in reply to UDT's incomplete takeover and in the process the Portuguese authorities seem to have lost control. Many of the soldiers on whom they relied to keep the peace have sided with the Fretilin revolutionary party. On a much smaller scale the political factions of Lisbon have reproduced themselves. With enough soldiers joining the ranks of the revolutionary faction the Governor is powerless and an anxious foreign populace—there are 20,000 Chinese among others—have been making for the safety of Australia.

Given the confusion now apparent in the Armed Forces Movement it is hard to see how any government in Lisbon could assert its authority in distant Timor. The Australians will be wondering what action they can usefully take apart from offering sanctuary to the foreigners fleeing from the violence that has broken out. The Fretilin Party is led by a young, flamboyant half-Timorese, half-Portuguese José Horta. He is an admirer of Ché Guevara and other fashionable revolutionary theorists. He was in Mozambique as a reporter where his sympathies with Frelimo may also have been bolstered by contact with leftists in the Portuguese army. "Independence or death" has been his cry. How much unnecessary bloodshed may be spurred by this kind of revolutionary fervour? Accounts of severe fighting are both puzzling and alarming. An appeal has gone out for international intervention, yet the circumstances do not appear to exist to make intervention of that kind effective.

VERSIONARY TACTICS AT CHEQUERS

s a pity that they had to per with the Chequers foot- . It runs slantwise across the te, emerging from a wood at corner, leading over park- ure, crossing the main drive he house, traversing plough, disappearing into another d at the opposite corner. n it one gets an impression ie breadth of the estate and ew of the south front and ice of Chequers at (at one t) 475 yards—assassination e, it is contended. The path inues down the escarpment ie Chilterns to the parish of t Kimble, where John Hamp- estates were assessed for money in 1635 at 31s 6d. The t of that great adversary of ossment enlightened the ctors to this disturbance of non right, but to no avail. Secretary of State for the ronment has accepted the of the Thames Valley Police removal of the footpath is ssary in order to secure the y of the Prime Minister and uests. The line of the path be shifted. It will still run n the Chequers estate, but ouse will be out of view for of its length and the sense of having the estate at one's feet will be lost.

"To the revolutionary statesman," wrote Sir Arthur Lee in the preamble to the memorandum by which he made a gift of Chequers to the nation for the use of future prime ministers, "the antiquity and calm tenacity of Chequers and its annals might suggest some saving virtues in the continuity of English history and exercise a check upon too hasty upheavals." Well . . . One small note of the antiquity and calm tenacity of that demesne is that long before any minister of the Crown had business to be there, the public enjoyed a customary right to walk through it within sight of the mansion. The upheaval of this tolerant arrangement did not occur with quite the haste officialdom would have liked; thanks to the fabian possibilities of the Planning Acts. The first move to get a diversion was made four years ago, in the time of Mr Heath's occupancy, under the pretext of agricultural improvement. That manoeuvre failed, as it deserved to do. The true reason for wanting the diversion was then brought into the open. A snag arose because Parliament when preparing the statutes governing the diversion of public footpaths had not specified the frustration of assassins as good and sufficient reason. However, the departmental inspector who held a public inquiry felt entitled, to the satisfaction of his Minister, to bring that reason under the capacious heading "the efficient use of land".

So people using the footpath will in future be kept out of sight of Chequers, and one small but significant fact illuminating the English system is a fact no more. This was that the accident of Chequers' becoming an official residence of the Prime Minister did not extinguish a public right to cross the estate within full view of the house. A customary usage belonging to the common people of England comingled with the privileges of their temporary rulers. No wall or fence or pale kept them from each other's sight. They enjoyed on different terms the same stretch of the Chilterns. To which there is a short and seemingly conclusive reply: the security of the state takes precedence over sentimental reverie. Granted, but it remains a pity that the footpath has been tampered with.

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ie unfortunate that Mr Ryder article in *The Times* for 14 did not take the oppor- of saying the real reason for reasing number of animal ex- ats now being carried out, the statutory requirements d on commercial undertak- The Cruelty to Animals Act restricts animal experiments categories: first, those performed to advance physiological knowledge and, secondly, those carried out to discover substances —to quote the Act: "useful for saving or prolonging life or alleviating suffering".

The majority of experiments carried out at the present time probably fall into the latter class, and it should occasion no surprise, therefore, if 61 per cent of all tests should be performed in or for commercial undertakings. After all, it is in commercial laboratories that nearly all modern medicines have been discovered and developed, and this work has involved a large and increasing amount of biological testing.

The Medicines Act 1968 has made it most unlikely that the amount of such testing will be reduced—rather the reverse. Similarly, various Acts and Regulations made under those Acts, such as the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933, the Food and Drugs Act 1955 and the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act 1952 have been responsible for increasing the number of animal tests by requiring commercial undertakings to carry out safety tests on a wide range of industrial and agricultural chemicals, toiletries and household products. Recent legislation, such as the Health and Safety at Work, etc, Act 1974, will undoubtedly increase still more the amount of safety testing imposed on industry.

Mr Ryder seems to believe that non-medical products are outside the scope of the Cruelty to Animals Act and should therefore not be tested on animals. But where this is the only valid way of testing materials for the absence of toxicity, a manufacturer who fails to have such tests carried out not only hazards the health of those who make or use his products, but makes a nonsense of parliamentary legislation designed to protect the public. If there is any doubt about the application of the Cruelty to Animals Act to safety testing, then by all means let the Act be strengthened.

Yours faithfully,
F. A. ROBINSON,
Hon Treasurer,
Research Defence Society,
Lemsom House,
11 Chandos Street,
Cavendish Square, W1.

Birds and fishing lines

From Mrs J. A. Campbell

Sir, Would it not show even more thoughtfulness on the part of fishermen if, having wrapped their unwanted bits of nylon round their fingers, they were to secure the resultant small circles with a half-hitch and take them home to be disposed of properly?

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE CAMPBELL,
22 Hamilton Road, N2.
August 20.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrecking of Leeds Test pitch: publicizing a campaign

From Professor Denis K. Britton

Sir, Does *The Times* really know where it stands in the matter of the Headingley vandalism? Your leader of the morning after finds strange and unwholesome comfort in the thought that the vandals accomplished *nothing* (my italics) which the rain would not have accomplished, anyway. In this comfortable frame of mind do you not see that, along with other newspapers, television and radio, you have ensured that they achieved abundantly what they set out to do?

Your front page headline specifically mentions the person whose cause they are seeking to help. Your first paragraph not only names him but is at pains to point out that his case will be immediately investigated by Scotland Yard. This zealous capitulation put your newspaper up among the leaders in the scramble to give publicity to the cause in a way which must have exceeded the wildest dreams of the campaigners. Television, falling over itself to give those dreams reality, not only held its cameras lingeringly over the daubed slogans, thereby registering the name in the public conscience exactly as it was intended, but for good measure went on to interview his wife and his brother-in-law at a length more suited to the heroic.

If you are genuinely concerned with what you call "society's defences against the anarchical pursuit of grievances", the way to begin to strengthen them is to lead an open counter-conspiracy among the press and broadcasting media to ensure that on the next occasion—which you have now made inevitable—while full publicity may be given to the act of vandalism and to its harmful social consequences, none at all should be given to the cause which, whatever its rights and wrongs, is being illegally promoted.

Yours faithfully,
D. K. BRITTON,
29 Chequers Park,
Wye, Ashford, Kent.
August 20.

From Mr Gerald Bonner

Sir, While most of your readers will endorse your comment on the action of Mr George Davis's friends at Headingley (August 20), namely that it substitutes anarchy for constitutional procedures, it is important to remember that respect for constitutional procedures depends upon the speed with which they are applied and confidence in the men who apply them. Mr Davis has already been in prison for 18 months. If his appeal succeeds and he is released, his life will have been damaged to that extent, and for him at least the deliberate processes of the law will have little to recommend them. Moreover, the apparent lack of concern shown by the courts at their own blunders, recently exemplified by the patronizing bestowal of a royal pardon on a man for a crime which he had not committed, has seriously—and perhaps fatally—damaged the trust felt by some of us in the integrity and impartiality of the law.

Thus, while I would join you in deploring the wanton destruction perpetrated on Mr Davis's behalf, I can well understand the anger and frustration of his friends and supporters and trust that his case will belatedly lead to a radical reappraisal of the administration of criminal justice in this country, which clearly leaves much to be desired, both in its outlook and its procedures.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD BONNER,
as from Department of Theology,
Abbey House,
Palace Green, Durham.

From Mr David Green

Sir, The rule of law and the observance of constitutional process is the keystone of any free society. But that keystone can be dislodged if a free society does not constantly review and reform its laws and constitutional processes to meet changing conditions.

We do, as you say, have multiple and open procedures to remedy grievances; but they have not been reformed with adequacy and speed that meets the passion of any society for justice. We have some fine democratic institutions; but the electoral system that gives access to them is failing lamentably, as you yourself have emphasized, to produce democratic results. We have a highly refined court system and process for securing the citizens rights; but we know that there is an awful gap in the system between the moment of initial detention and the time when the individual is presented to the court; your own reporters, adopting methods that certainly lay in no constitutional niche, recently performed, no doubt with great difficulty, a signal public service in revealing some of the affairs of the Metropolitan Police. In explaining subsequently what they did, they said that they dare not use the constitutional process because they could not know how far the corruption that concerned them extended. Again the consumer does not have Bernard Levin's resources for dealing with the North Thames Gas Board.

I too was enjoying the Test match at Headingley. I grieve that an outrageous protest should have had it as a casualty, though that grief is moderately assuaged by the fact that the weather in any event would probably have achieved the same result. But I grieve most that whatever we may think of our institutions, they have failed to offer those who protested at Headingley any hope in any more pacific solution, the more so since your correspondent Clive Borrell says that many MPs and senior lawyers are known to be concerned about the case of Mr Davis.

We can shut the door on the Headingley incident with expressions of righteous indignation if we wish. We would better serve our own interest by asking more closely why it is that people are driven to such extremes, and by weighing very carefully their answers.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
nr Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.
August 20.

From Mrs R. I. Harvey

Sir, The destruction of the Test pitch at Headingley was a disgrace.

The case of George Davis may or may not need to be reconsidered—I do not know.

What is far more disgraceful than either of these is that hard on the heels of the Headingley outrage Scotland Yard should announce that they are making an immediate investigation into the Davis case. This is tantamount to giving encouragement to anyone, mad or sane, who thinks he has a cause for grievance, to do pretty well anything he feels like doing, outside the law—in the expectation that the authorities will take notice of him.

Let the Davis case be investigated by all means if this is felt to be necessary—but let there be a decent interval, and let the authorities preserve a decent reticence about their plans. The alternative is for blackmail to follow blackmail without limit.

Yours faithfully,
R. I. HARVEY,
7 Greville Lodge,
40 Avenue Road, N6.
August 20.

From Mr C. R. E. Bowles

Sir, Since we cannot guard a cricket pitch, one wonders what the state of the national defences are like?

Yours faithfully,
C. R. E. BOWLES,
109 Clifton Hill,
St John's Wood, NW8.
August 19.

Pay beds and the Health Service

From the Chairman of Council, British Medical Association

Sir, Your leading article of August 14 deserves the widest support. The message behind the Government's proposals is all too clear, even though, characteristically, they have been issued during the holiday period and comment is expected within six weeks.

The reference to the Government's lien "on those skills achieved by training at public expense" is surely a warning to all professions of what may be in store. The proposed withdrawal of private beds from the NHS revokes unilaterally the agreement under which consultants entered the NHS and which until now has been endorsed by all successive governments. The suggested restriction of the amount of independent practice outside the NHS is a gross infringement of individual liberty, of which the public should be made fully aware.

What must also be made clear is the damage that will be done to the NHS itself. Withdrawal of private beds from hospitals will not release proportionately more beds and services to the public sector. Indeed by having both private and NHS patients in the same hospital a consultant is able to devote more time to all, including emergencies, and not waste time travelling. The argument that the release of private beds will help waiting lists is facile. Whatever the designation of the beds, the patients remain.

In 1966-69, when the number of pay beds fell by a quarter, the waiting lists *rose* by 4 per cent. In the subsequent two years when the pay beds increased by 2½ per cent waiting lists *fell* by about 6 per cent. On financial grounds alone it is surely indefensible in the present economic climate to throw away some £40m a year. Of greater importance, the proposals will bring about a progressive limitation of individual choice in what is essentially a personal matter.

From all points of view the public will lose if these proposals are adopted. The medical and dental professions have already made their views clear.

The development of the NHS which we all want to see can come only from a partnership between those providing the resources and those who use their skills for the benefit of patients. The present proposals are divisive and we must seek to persuade Government to change its view. To do this will require not only the support of the medical and dental professions but that of the other professions and above all the public, whose personal liberty is at risk and who have the most to lose.

Yours faithfully,
WALPOLE LEWIN,
Chairman of Council, British Medical Association,
British Medical Association House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
August 18.

Code of advertising

From the Director General of The Advertising Association

Sir, I hope Mr Woolf's rather intemperate vituperation of advertising (August 18), will be judged by the standards normally accorded by reasonable people to all such exaggerated generalizations. He does not support with any specific instances his use of such words as "lies", "deception", "false promises" and "deplorable anti-social standards".

The Advertising Standards Authority is now proving a very effective barrier against the tiny fringe of misleading or doubtful advertising which may justify some reasonable criticisms. If Mr Woolf is prepared to take an honest, rational and unprejudiced view in this matter, I suggest he should submit any particular case or cases he may have noted to the Advertising Standards Authority, or in the case of television, to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Meanwhile, in a free society it remains the job of advertising to present effectively the satisfactions, whether objective or emotional, provided by legitimate goods and services—so long as they are, in the words of the code of practice, legal, decent, honest and truthful.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER UNDERHILL,
Abford House,
15 Wilton Road, SW1.
August 19.

Law and pay increases

From Mr J. R. Whitehead

Sir, The anti-inflation advertisement placed in the newspapers today (August 20) at the Government's instigation (but at the tax-payers' expense) is a confidence trick with grave constitutional implications.

In vaguely menacing language the advertisement announces what the "Government's Anti-Inflation programme . . . will mean to you", specifically that "your pay-rise will be limited to £6 a week" unless you earn £8,500 a year or more, in which case "you will not get any increase at all". The impression this is bound to give is that the pay restrictions are backed by the force of law.

The facts are quite otherwise. There is no law restricting pay increases because the Government, bowing to trade union pressure, failed to introduce the necessary legislation. Instead, it published a White Paper (Cmnd 6151) which, whilst admitting that it has "no direct control over pay", at least in the private sector, expressed approval of certain suggestions (including the £6 a week pay limit) which had been put forward by the TUC.

The advertisement is an attempt to deceive the public into compliance with a "law" which, however necessary in our present economic circumstances, does not exist. Could Parliament be treated with greater contempt?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. WHITEHEAD,
The Coach House,
Darenth Hulme,
Shoreham, near Sevenoaks,
Kent.
August 20.

Birmingham press dispute

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists

Sir, At a time when talks are going on under the auspices of the ACAS I am anxious to say nothing which may make the long dispute between the management of the *Birmingham Post*, *Mail* and *Sunday Mercury* and the National Union of Journalists more difficult to settle. Nevertheless, the letter from the editors of those papers (August 20) deserves some comment—not much, but some.

It will surprise those of your readers who have followed recent industrial history to see an attempt to establish the trade union bona fides of the Institute of Journalists by referring to it as "an old established and properly registered trade union". Despite its antiquity the first time that body sought to register as a trade union was under the 1971 Industrial Relations Act: the moment when the British trade union movement decided overwhelmingly to deregister and when the great majority of individual unions either did that or tried to do it.

It ought not to surprise journalists as experienced as Mr Hopkinson, Mr Reedy and Mr Whitehead that people in public life, many of them trade unionists, refuse to assist or convenience a management which purports to dismiss some 240 trade unionists for pursuing a proper wage claim—settlement of which could have been reached well inside the terms of the social contract. It should surprise them even less that officials and members of the Labour Party (or, I would hope, any other) and members of local authorities should withhold co-operation from a small group of men and women who are doing the work of the trade unionists so treated and producing "black" newspapers.

It surprises me to see the three editors claim that members of the NUJ "walked out in pursuance of a pay claim". They did not: the management served them with dismissal notices.

It does not, I am afraid, any longer surprise me to see the normal reactions and tactics of trade unionists in a fairly straightforward industrial dispute characterized as an attack on press freedom and a justification for Lord Goodman's discriminatory amendments. Nor, however, did the letter convince me that there was any justification for this.

Yours, etc,
KENNETH MORGAN,
Acorn House,
312/320 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
August 20.

From the General Secretary of The Institute of Journalists

Sir, The letter from the three Birmingham editors (August 20) shows that Labour councillors there are willing to subordinate their clear duty to the community to their loyalty to an outside organization. Their only possible justification must be the belief that any TUC affiliated union involved in a dispute must have right on its side. Interestingly, the conduct that has led to NUJ members in Birmingham not working was held by the High Court in a recent parallel case to be ultra vires under the union's own rules.

However this dispute is at least about pay. What would be the attitude of the Labour Party and of the councillors if instead it were about the NUJ's right to control editorial content? Such a dispute is entirely possible in the future if Mr Foot's Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill becomes law without amendments and if unrepresentative but highly organized and zealous activists continue to exercise such disproportionate influence in the NUJ.

Those more moderate members of the Labour Party who by their silence acquiesce in the actions of their colleagues should pause to consider the likely reward for their loyalty.

The NUJ's extremists have exactly the same motivation and outlook as those elements in the constituency parties which are seeking to destroy MPs whom they regard as insufficiently left wing. If by the use of industrial power the NUJ is able to control editorial content, such MPs will no longer be able to count on the ventilation by the media of the issues involved. Indeed, the public generally may rightly fear that only muted or one-sided reporting and comment will be available on a wide range of industrial and political events.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. FARMER,
1 Whitehall Place, SW1.
August 20.

Direct grant schools

From Mr R. W. Baldwin

Sir, Dr Lambert is wide of the mark (letter, August 20). First, no one would dispute that children of the upper socio-economic groups, after generations of social mobility and influenced by all the factors of home environment and parental interest, will in a competitive examination obtain proportionately more places than those from the lowest groups, especially if the latter's home background and parental influence are adverse. So what?

The splendid fact which the direct grant schools treasure is that, because their entry is open to all comers, their pupils include significant numbers from all income groups and occupations, and that they are thereby offering an opportunity to many pupils which may not be equally available in the state system (the latest evidence both nationally and in this city of Manchester tends to reinforce this claim).

Secondly, since he singles out for especial criticism the large direct grant schools with large sixth forms —"the great academic schools"—I should like to quote the figures for this school which is the largest both in total number of pupils and in the sixth form. Our latest analysis showed the following occupation distribution of parents:

Home Background	First Forms 1973/74 %	Sixth Form Division II 1973/74 %
Managerial	16.7	18.0
Professional	20.1	16.1
Scholastic	14.9	10.2
Clerks and Civil Service	11.9	12.6
Shops and Commerce	10.1	14.1
Engineers and Draughtsmen	11.0	11.1
Non-managerial industrial workers	8.1	10.2
Unskilled industrial workers	2.4	1.9
Dead, divorced or unknown	4.8	5.8
	100.0	100.0

How this classification would fit into the five socio-economic groups is not known, but the grading comes from the parents themselves and may well tend to up-grade status.

Even more recent and revealing are the figures for parental income in 1974-75. Some half of our pupils still have LEA free places for whom, therefore, we have no income information: of the rest, parents of 236 do not qualify for fee remission, but for the remaining 406 (63 per cent) qualifying for full or partial remission, the average income was £3,160 (including, in many cases, mother's earnings but after deduction of £100 per child after the first). This compares with official figures of average earnings per person (not married couple) of £2,528 in October, 1974. The average income of those with free places is likely to be slightly lower, since some parents not offered free places are deterred by the fees.

This shows how ludicrous is Dr Lambert's claim that we "serve overwhelmingly the upper ranks of society" or that "the greater the school's academic standing, the fewer of the poorest social groups are to be found in it". Two thirds of our parents enjoy incomes only slightly above the national average.

Nor have we any evidence that our pupils from the lower socio-economic groups tend to do worse than average. We do know that our pupils as a whole, of whom about 80 per cent proceed to university, perform better than average in terms of classes obtained.

In short, while we welcome many boys from the upper income groups, two thirds of our pupils come from parents of income groups near the average and we are shocked that an allegedly equalitarian government should be doing its best to close our doors in future to all whose parents cannot pay the full fees.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BALDWIN, Chairman of Governors,
Manchester Grammar School.

Nocturnal bells

From Professor B. N. Cole

Sir, Prompted by Mr Patrick Nalper's letter (August 4), may I draw attention to a much older form of this nightly pest? Church clocks.

A fortnight just spent by my wife and myself in a (normally) delightful Northumberland village was marred during the day by traffic noise past belief; and during the night by the church clock past endurance.

This miserable timepiece, put together before the age of wristwatches and time signals, bonged out its unwanted information at quarter-hour intervals through day and night. Twenty-four hours brought forth 1,116 bongs, and not one a pleasure to hear.

Yet this was comparative peace. I was once doomed to stay at a place where the neighbouring clock worked hand-in-glove with a double echo which focused precisely on my bedroom. Midnight was thus signalled by 36 bongs (to say nothing of the overture of chimes, which produced another 48).

Sir, can nothing be done about this devastation to our sleep?

Yours deafly,
B. N. COLE,
As from 399 Gledlow Lane,
Leeds 7.

Daily deliveries

From Mrs Malcolm Begg

Sir, Mr Laing says in his letter of August 7 that "Six days a week, including Bank holidays, a bottle of milk is delivered to every house in the land who requires it".

We can only get milk delivered twice a week—on Tuesdays and Sundays. Are we the only ones?

We get a delivery of post once a day and two collections a day.

Yours truly,
PAMELA BEGG,
Armsworth Park Farm,
Old Alresford, Hampshire.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit "The World of Franklin and Jefferson" exhibition at the British Museum on October 29.

Princess Anne will open the annual exhibition of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters in the Mall Galleries, London, on October 23.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will visit Settle, North Yorkshire, on September 23.

The Duchess of Kent, as Colonel in Chief of the Army Catering Corps, will visit the group catering scheme at Aldershot and later, as Controller-Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, will visit 10 Company WRAC on October 15.

Princess Alexandra, as patron of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund, will visit Birch Hill at Norham, Northumberland, on September 17 and in the afternoon carry out engagements in Berwickshire and Ettrick and Lauderdale.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, 68; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 56; Sir Richard Catling, 63; Lord Citrine, 88; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, 68; Mr P. G. H. Fender, 83; Major-General G. H. Inglis, 73; General Wilfred Kitching, Salvation Army, 82; Sir Martin Lindsay of Dowhill, 70; Mr Gerald Long, 52; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Brian Mountain, 76; Air Vice-Marshal M. E. M. Perkins, 68; Mr A. F. Tuke, 55.

Latest wills

Residue left among five charities

Adrienne Elizabeth Cromble, of Westminster, left £165,513 net (no duty shown). She left £16,400 to personal legatees, and the residue equally among the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, Cats Protection League, Anti-Vivisection Society, Our Dumb Friends League, and the Save Irish Horses Fund, Dublin.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Bridgewater, Mr Ernest Leslie, of Hongkong, formerly of South Kensington, musician and composer £13,381

Jenkins, Mr Tudor Morgan, of Pyrford, journalist .. £39,235

Jones, Commander Sidney Albert, of Bournemouth, former master of the Hners Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth £54,918

Myers-Ward, Kathleen Mildred, of West Brompton, London £136,870

Siukins, Mr William Edward, of Chelsea £163,330

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Mosaics from Gilbert Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.50.

Exhibition: Hall of Fame, portraits by G. F. Watts, National Portrait Gallery, 10-5.

Exhibition: English Toy Theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, Tottenham Court Road, 10-5.

Festival of Model Railways, Central Hall, Westminster, 12-8.30.

The Queen's Life Guard mounting ceremony, Horse Guards, Whitehall, 11.

Luncheon

HM Government

Mr Edward Rowlands, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Lancaster House at a luncheon in honour of the Ambassador for the Dominican Republic. Among those present were:

The Peruvian Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador, the Ambassador for Costa Rica, the Hon H. A. H. Hankey, Sir Jan Lewande, Mr R. D. C. McAlpine, Mr C. M. Hughes, Mr C. G. Monk, Mr R. Butters, Mr M. J. Treble, Mr H. M. Carless, and Mr D. R. Tilling.

University news

London

Professor A. L. Diamond, a Law Commissioner, has been appointed Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on the retirement of Professor Sir Norman Anderson on September 30.

Birmingham

Dr W. A. Littler, MD, ChB (Liv), clinical lecturer in cardiovascular medicine at Oxford University, has been appointed to the British Heart Foundation Chair of Cardiology from October 1.

City

J. B. H. Prater, formerly managing director of the Clerical, Medical and General Life Association Society, has been appointed director of studies in actuarial science.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. C. M. Benthall and Mrs Z. Menuhin

The marriage will take place shortly between Jonathan Charles Mackenzie, third son of Sir Paul and Lady Benthall, of Benthall Hall, near Broseley, Salop, and Zamira, daughter of Yehudi Menuhin, KBE, of The Grove, Highgate Village, London, N6, and Mrs Nola Hawthorne, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr P. Bremridge and Miss E. B. Parsons

The engagement is announced between Philip Bremridge, of Mount Scylla, Ford, Chippenham, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of the late Rev O. B. and Mrs Parsons, of 22 Norton, Lacock, Wiltshire.

Mr P. M. Day and Miss L. M. Wynter-Bee

The engagement is announced between Peter Michael, younger son of the late Mr John Day and Mrs R. Day, of Rondebosch, Cape Town, and Lucinda Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Wynter-Bee, of Chobham, Surrey.

Mr R. W. Jacques and Miss D. A. Smorthwaite

The engagement is announced in Hongkong between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Jacques, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. R. Smorthwaite, of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

Mr A. S. Lamplough and Miss M. E. Pincott

The engagement is announced between Antony Shaun, son of Captain L. W. Lamplough, RN, and Mrs Lamplough, of Hurlingham Court, London, and Marilyn Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. R. Pincott, of Woodsford Square, Kensington.

Mr F. O. Shires and Mrs S. M. Crawford

The marriage will take place on September 3 at Lymington between Frank Oliver Shires, of Carshalton Beeches, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs E. Shires, and Sheila Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr F. F. Hutton, of Warwickshire, and Mrs H. M. Kimberley.

Marriages

Sir Michael Gass and Miss E. P. Acland-Hood

The marriage took place yesterday at St Andrew's, Stogursey, Bridgwater, Somerset, of Sir Michael Gass, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs G. Irving Gass, of Broadway, Butleigh Wootton, Glastonbury, and Miss Elizabeth Acland-Hood, eldest daughter of the late Hon John Acland-Hood and of the Hon Mrs Acland-Hood, of Wootton House, near Glastonbury. The Bishop of Taunton officiated, assisted by the Rev R. Ballard.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Victor Hallett, wore a gown of cream cotton organza, and her veil of Brussels lace was held in place by a diamond tiara. She carried a bouquet of mixed cream flowers. Her sister, Miss Slyvia Acland-Hood, attended her and Mr Ian Irving Gass was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, Fairfield House, Stogursey, Bridgwater, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr W. S. Hare and Mrs P. A. Reeve

The marriage took place yesterday at Cirencester Register Office, Gloucestershire, of Mr William Steuart Hare, elder son of Commander and Mrs P. J. Hare, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, Somerset, and Mrs Penelope Anne Reeve, only daughter of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan and Lady Boxer, of Lymington, Hampshire. A service of blessing was held afterwards at St Peter's Church, Ampney, Gloucestershire. The Rev P. G. C. Jeffries officiated.

A reception was held at The Severalls, Hatherop, Gloucestershire, by permission of Lord and Lady Teynham, and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, August 22, 1950

Novels in eclipse

More than one reason can be suggested to explain the decline in novel reading which an article on another page shows to be the recent experience of the public librarians. It may be that cheap editions are bought more freely and libraries only used for less easily accessible works. The competition of popular biography—often, to say the least, as readable and sometimes scarcely less fictitious than the latest novel—must have a considerable effect.

Generalizations about reading are simpler to make than to prove, but, libraries apart, there does seem to have been a decline in the status of the novel. . . . Good fiction is still being written, but it seldom manages to sweep the board—as it did in the past. The change has come about, oddly, when the last vestiges of disapproval have been removed from the craft of the novelist.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr P. J. Hudson to be Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Air) Ministry of Defence in succession to Mr E. Broadbent, who becomes Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Civilian Management) from September 3.

Major-General H. S. Gavourin to be Chairman of the Defence Medical Servies Post Graduate Council in succession to Air Vice-Marshal Sir Ralph Jackson on October 1.

Civil War house for sale

Court House, at Painswick, Gloucestershire, where Charles I is reputed to have held his last court before his defeat by Cromwell, has been put on the market at £100,000.

Academic equality between men and women shown in Oxford results

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Men and women appear to be achieving academic equality, on the evidence of the 1975 final honour school examinations at Oxford University.

Although women took 1.7 per cent fewer first-class degrees than men, they took 3.4 per cent more second-class degrees. In past years they have consistently achieved a better standard of degree than men, in spite of their inability to match the men in first-class examination results.

The top college is University, with 21 first-class degrees (22.6 per cent), which enabled it also to finish top of the Norrington table. Jesus College, with 52.8, had the highest percentage of first class and second-class degrees.

Oriel College, which finished bottom of the tables last year, again had the lowest percentage of firsts and seconds, but it had a higher number of firsts than last year. St Edmund's Hall was bottom of the Norrington table.

The top six colleges for percentages of firsts were: 1, University; 2, Balliol; 3, Hertford; 4, Merton; 5, New; 6, Somerville.

For percentages of firsts and seconds they were: 1, Jesus; 2, St Anne's; 3, Corpus Christi; 4, Merton; 5, Wadham; 6, St Catherine's.

According to the Norrington table they were: 1, University; 2, Merton; 3, Balliol; 4, Corpus Christi; 5, Jesus; 6, equal Wadham and Hertford.

The results table gives the number of candidates from each college who obtained first, second or third classes in the final honour schools at the university except those who exceeded the statutory number of terms before sitting their examinations. Pass degrees have not been included.

The second table gives percentages for each college and positions based on the percentage of firsts they received and the percentage of firsts and seconds.

The third gives positions based on a points system devised by Sir Arthur Norrington, former President of Trinity College. The system awards three points for a first, two for a second, and one for a third.

The tables ignore performances of candidates from Campion Hall, Greyfriars, Linacre, Mansfield, Regent's Park and St Benet's Hall, from which entries are too small to make a fair assessment.

RESULTS TABLE

Men's colleges	I	II	III	Total
Balliol	19	63	12	93
Brasenose	6	56	10	72
Christ Church	9	76	17	103
Corpus Christi	8	46	5	59
Exeter	6	66	12	84
Hertford	16	50	14	80
Jesus	10	67	6	83
Keble	9	84	18	111
Lincoln	8	60	16	84
Magdalen	11	58	18	87
Merton	11	45	6	62
New	17	68	18	103
Oriel	10	52	17	79
Pembroke	4	65	10	79
Queen's	0	48	8	65
St Catherine's	10	88	12	110
St Edmund Hall	4	73	16	93
St John's	3	54	10	67
St Peter's	7	65	12	83
Trinity	5	40	11	56
University	21	61	11	93
Wadham	10	61	8	79
Worcester	10	64	12	86
Total	225	1407	279	1909

Women's colleges	I	II	III	Total
Lady Margaret Hall	8	71	20	99
St Anne's	6	78	7	91
St Hilda's	10	69	11	90
St Hugh's	7	77	11	97
Somerville	13	65	11	87
Total	46	358	60	464
Total all colleges	269	1765	339	2373

PERCENTAGE TABLE

Men's colleges	I	II	III	Pos I	Pos I+II
Balliol	20.4	67.7	12.9	2	15
Brasenose	8.3	77.8	13.9	21	17
Christ Church	8.8	74.5	16.7	19	20
Corpus Christi	13.5	78.0	8.5	8	3
Exeter	7.1	78.6	14.3	21	19
Hertford	20.0	62.5	17.5	3	22=
Jesus	12.1	80.7	7.2	12	1
Keble	8.1	75.7	16.2	22=	13
Lincoln	9.5	71.4	19.1	15	24
Magdalen	12.6	66.7	20.7	11	27
Merton	17.7	72.6	9.7	4	4
New	16.5	66.0	17.5	5	22=
Oriel	12.7	65.8	21.5	9	28
Pembroke	5.1	73.4	21.5	26	11
Queen's	13.6	73.2	13.3	7	10
St Catherine's	9.1	80.0	10.9	17	6
St Edmund Hall	4.3	78.5	17.2	28	21
St John's	4.5	80.6	14.9	27	18
St Peter's	8.6	75.8	14.6	20	17
Trinity	8.9	71.4	19.7	18	25
University	22.6	65.6	11.8	1	2
Wadham	12.7	77.2	10.1	6=	8
Worcester	11.5	74.4	14.0	13	13
Average	11.7	73.8	14.5		

Women's colleges	I	II	III	Pos I	Pos I+II
Lady Margaret Hall	8.1	71.7	20.2	22=	26
St Anne's	6.6	85.7	7.7	25	9
St Hilda's	11.1	76.7	12.2	14	9
St Hugh's	7.5	79.1	13.4	16	12
Somerville	14.7	74.7	10.7	6	12
Average	10.0	77.2	12.8		
Average all colleges	11.4	74.4	14.2		

NORRINGTON TABLE

Men's colleges	P	Max poss	%	Pos
Balliol	193	279	69.2	3
Brasenose	130	216	64.8	14
Christ Church	196	306	64.1	19=
Corpus Christi	121	177	68.4	5
Exeter	164	252	65.5	12
Hertford	152	240	63.3	6=
Jesus	170	246	69.3	2
Keble	115	228	50.5	21=
Lincoln	140	252	55.6	24
Magdalen	167	261	64.0	17=
Merton	129	186	69.4	1
New	203	297	68.3	10=
Oriel	151	237	63.7	23
Pembroke	152	237	64.1	19=
Queen's	131	195	67.2	9
St Catherine's	218	330	66.1	13
St Edmund Hall	174	279	62.4	25
St John's	127	201	63.2	22
St Peter's	179	285	62.8	24
Trinity	106	168	63.1	26
University	176	270	65.2	8
Wadham	160	237	67.5	4
Worcester	170	258	65.9	18
Totals	3762	5727	65.7 (av)	

Women's colleges	P	Max poss	%	Pos
Lady Mary Hall	186	297	62.6	27
St Anne's	171	255	66.3	10=
St Hilda's	179	270	66.3	10=
St Hugh's	192	291	66.0	14
Somerville	176	261	67.4	8
Total	914	1392	65.7 (av)	
Total all colleges	4676	7119	65.7 (av)	

= Equal placing

Link suggested between aspirin and stillbirth

By Our Medical Correspondent

Women who take aspirin regularly during pregnancy tend to have small babies and to have more still births than average, a report in *The Lancet* today says. Two articles from Dr Gillian Turner and Dr Edith Collins, of the Children's Medical Research Foundation in Sydney, Australia, state that women who regularly take tablets or powders containing aspirin are likely to become anaemic in pregnancy and to develop complications at or around birth and that their babies' health may also be affected.

Aspirin is effective in relieving pain, fever and inflammation because it blocks the action of a hormone, prostaglandin, known to play a vital role in labour. Some effect on childbearing might have been expected from its use, so the Australian doctors set out to find whether it was of practical importance.

Tests on the urine of pregnant women in Sydney showed that about seven in every 100 regularly took aspirin, usually bought from a chemist without medical advice. The health of 150 of the women during pregnancy was compared with that of others who took no drugs. The aspirin-takers were found to have more episodes of bleeding during pregnancy and after delivery; their labours lasted longer, and more of them required delivery by forceps or by Caesarean section.

The perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths in the first four weeks after birth) was 87 in 1,000 in the regular aspirin-takers, compared with only 27 per 1,000 in the other women.

Women who took aspirin regularly were heavier smokers than average; smoking is known to be hazardous during pregnancy, but *The Lancet* report states that even after allowance has been made for the effect of smoking there is still no doubt of the harmful effect of aspirin.

Doctors should test their pregnant patients' urine for traces of aspirin, it says. In Australia it was found that women readily stopped taking aspirin once the risks had been explained to them.

Tall ships gather for regatta on the Thames

By a Staff Reporter

A yacht race to Australia, a barge driving competition and canoe and skiff racing will be part of the nine-day Port of London Clipper Regatta which opens tomorrow and is to be held in conjunction with the London Festival of Sail.

The festival, organized by the Association of Sea Training Organizations, will bring together about 80 sail training vessels, including some of the world's largest, from Europe, Russia, Poland and Romania are sending ships to the event, the most spectacular assembly of sailing ships in London in modern times. The first arrive in the Pool of London today.

Four ocean-racing yachts will take part in the *Financial Times* clipper race to try to beat the record time for the London-Sydney-London run set in 1869-70 by an iron-hulled British clipper, the Patriarch, of the Aberdeen Line.

The yachts will start out a week on Sunday, the regatta's last day, on a line in the Thames estuary just off Sheerness. Mr Heath will start the 30,000-mile race from the naval frigate Londonderry. On the return leg an Australian ketch will join in.

Tomorrow there will be a barge driving competition from Greenwich to Westminster with 12 entries drawn from freemen of the Thames. On Monday a rowing crew from the East End of London will compete with west London for the first prize of a 36-gallon barrel of beer.

On Friday Princess Alexandra will review the assembled vessels from a P.L.A. barge, the Nore. There will be firework displays during the regatta, one sponsored at Westminster by the Soviet Embassy. On the final Saturday there will be a grand procession of training vessels and race contestants to the estuary.

Stately homes 'need more imagination in display'

By John Young
Planning Reporter

American tourists wandering wide-eyed around English stately homes are a familiar enough sight. But now a group of United States experts has suggested that neither the houses nor their grounds are displayed as imaginatively and informatively as they might be.

In a report published today a study team of five United States National Parks Service experts point out that when historic houses are surrounded by extensive grounds there is a tendency to treat each separately.

"Protecting fine paintings and furniture, and digging ditches and planting trees, do seem to be different activities requiring different kinds of personnel", it continues.

"The administrator of such a property tends to separate the two for management purposes; the visitor generally considers the interior experience and the external experience to be separate and unrelated.

The report, published by the Countryside Commission in co-operation with Cheshire County Council, is based on a two-week study of Tatton Park, Cheshire, which is owned by the National Trust and attracts 300,000 visitors a year.

The Americans believe that the evolution of such a house and its estate should be interpreted for visitors so that they can appreciate how the uses of the land and the ownership changed with passing years.

They suggest, for instance, that "upstairs, downstairs" life should be re-created by providing costumed interpreters in various rooms of the house to talk about life there and possibly to demonstrate activities.

Tatton Park Interpretive Plan (Countryside Commission, John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 3RA; 50p).

NFU urges end to bull licence system

By a Staff Reporter

The National Farmers' Union has recommended that the statutory licensing of bulls should end. At present it is an offence for a farmer to own a bull over the age of 14 months that has not been licensed by an approved veterinary inspector.

The union's decision, reached after six months of deliberation and consultation by a working party of eight, has been sent to the Ministry of Agriculture for consideration. The working party argued that the cost of the present licensing system was high, and it did not lead to any improvement in the national breeding herd.

Since nearly two thirds of conceptions in the dairy herd, and two fifths in the beef herd, were now by artificial insemination, the licensing of bulls appeared to have a less significant role to play

Delays likely to AA service

The Automobile Association said yesterday that it was impossible to predict the effect of the work-to-rule and overtime ban its patrolmen have been asked to observe over the Bank holiday in support of a pay claim.

Motorists who break down will probably have to wait longer than usual for help, though that will depend on how many patrolmen obey the call for industrial action made by their staff association.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN ROGERS

A chairman of ICI

Sir Peter Allen writes:

Mr John Rogers, OBE, LLD, who died on August 3 at the age of 97, was Chairman of ICI from January 1931 to June 1953. He was the last link with ICI's original Board for he was appointed at its first meeting on December 8, 1926, the day after the company was incorporated. He was ICI's Technical Director until 1940 when he became a Deputy Chairman. When Lord McGowan retired at the end of 1950 it was expected that Rogers, who had served with him for over 50 years, would leave also, but the deaths of the second Lord Melchett and of Sir Frederick Bain and the retirement of Sir William Coates had left a wide gap at the top of ICI, and Rogers agreed to fill it for a period.

John Rogers was born in Glasgow in 1878, was educated locally and began work as a lab boy in the Royal Technical College; benefiting then from free tuition, he won a scholarship and stayed on to be Lecture Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry. He joined Nobel's Explosives Co in 1899 as a chemist and research worker and from there he progressed up the technical ladder of Nobel's to the top.

During the Second World War John Rogers served the Government, first as Director-General of Explosives and later as Chairman of the Ammunition Board at the Ministry of Supply. (It was widely believed that he declined an honour at the end of the war.)

Rogers had long been McGowan's confidant, friend, conciliator and technical adviser. He was kindly, wise, experienced and considerate, with no particular enthusiasm for action and leadership. In arguments and discussions his was the voice of moderation, of conciliation and commonsense. JR seldom put pen to paper, believing always in the personal approach, so he was frequently a negotiator for ICI and a good and wise one, and always helpful and accessible to his juniors.

MRS MARY ORMEROD

Mrs Mary Ormerod, CBE, who has died, was the widow of Frank Ormerod, MD, FRCS.

Hers was a life devoted to public service; for 20 years she was chairman of the board of governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital; during her time as a member of the LCC she was chairman of the Mental Hospitals Committee and also served on the finance committee; before her marriage in 1921 she had worked in the Ministries of Health and Labour and during the Second World War she returned to government service serving in the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the Board of Trade. However, it is probable that her best memorial is her work for the victims of Nazi persecution in the years before the Second World War. At their house in Primrose Hill Road she and her husband welcomed, fed and comforted large numbers of refugees from Germany and Austria. She will be remembered with gratitude and affection by many Europeans who came to Britain having lost all but their lives.

She was a freeman of the Borough of Hackney and for her public services was made CBE in 1958. Her husband died in 1967.

ESTHER IMMANUEL

A Correspondent writes:

Mrs Esther Immanuel, who died in Nice on holiday on August 1, aged 61, founded and built up an employment agency which secured employment for over 200,000 people in the course of its existence. From the smallest beginnings, she built up the Conduit Organisation to over 100 branches, subsequently acquiring both the St Paul's Employment Agency and The Street Advertising Agency—the oldest in the country. To this she added Language Studies, acquired from The Thomson Organisation, providing extensive adult courses in some 23 languages and located here and in France. All these she managed jointly with her husband.

In 1969 Rothschilds offered a public share issue of her interests and the single-handed achievement of this remarkable woman was accorded the tribute of an astonishing £42 million over subscription. She subsequently sold a portion of her interests for in excess of £6 million. At the time of her death she was Chairman of E.W.S. Technovision, supplying technical documentation for Government and Industry, with a staff of over 300 engineers. This firm also published the Governmental motor vehicle regulations for vehicle manufacturers throughout the world.

At her death she was engaged in discussing her plans for a project for a medical centre for the whole of Europe, to occupy a site of 30 acres in London.

Her anonymous benefactions included founding several University Chairs, among which is The Balfour Chair for Economics of Government at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. She also built part of The Chemical Department at The Haifa Technion, in memory of her brilliant radar physicist brother Dr Mark Benjamin, killed on war service in 1941. In addition, she founded Chairs for Biblical Studies at Universities in Israel.

She leaves a husband, daughter and three sons.

Sir Richard Whittington, KCMG, CBE, who died on August 18 at the age of 70, was Ambassador to Thailand 1957-61.

Mr David Lemmy, who became one of Britain's best known magicians during the 1940s under the name of Ali Bey, has died at the age of 70.

JOHN KRIZA

American ba dancer

John Kriza, who has the age of 56, was a member of American Theatre, and devoted his life to the company. Berwyn, Illinois, on Jan 1919, he studied dancin and made his profession with the WPA Federal in 1938. The following danced with Ruth Chicago Opera Ballet joining Ballet Theatr junior member of the ballet.

It was not long be talent for expressing cl in dance coupled with outgoing personality, solo parts. In 1944 he of the three sailors in Robbins's successful fir *Fancy Free*. The engag ture of humour and s he displayed in the him immediate acclai was repeated where ballet was performed, Covent Garden on the night of Ballet Theat London season in 194

Other parts created included the Blues due bins's *Interplay*, the Agnes de Mille's *Fa Legend*, and the mach with a corpse in *Cap* work he helped revive Royal Ballet in 1970). Ashton cast him for th *Les Patineurs* when he it for Ballet Theatre. H danced many classical and dramatic roles f standard repertory, which his performanc champion roper in *R* be especially rememb retiring from the stag mained with Ballet Th assistant to the artist tors.

MR FREDER ALTHAUS

Mr Frederick Althaus, CBE, who Senior Partner of th brokers' Pember and B died at the age of 7

Educated at Rug Balliol College, Oxf served in the First Wo being wounded and n in despatches, and h Member of the Stock E in 1922.

He was a Member Jenkins Committee pany Law in 1959, and a CBE in 1970. He in 1927, Margaret T had three children.

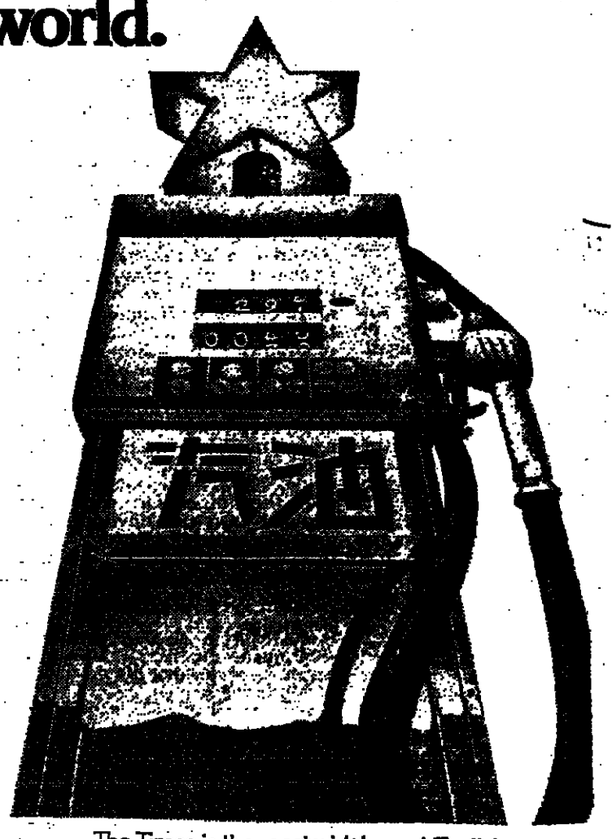
Luigi Borgonovo, th baritone opera singer, Rome on Sunday. He

Erling Hoey, his wife and his son Jacob we in the Damascus air Wednesday. Mr Hoey ductor of the Iraq Phil Orchestra.

Konrad Swinarski, th film director, was amon victims of the air cra Damascus on Wednesda

Mr Harry T. Rise Captain of the Pro Golfers' Association, ha the age of 58.

How today's China is preparing for tomorrow's world.



On September 30th, The Times is planning to publish its third Special Report on the People's Republic of China.

This year's Report will survey China's achievements over the last twenty-five years, examine her current trading position vis-a-vis the rest of the world and discuss the long-term prospects for over a quarter of the world's population who live within her frontiers. It will also take a look at China's little-known, but booming, oil industry.

In addition, the Report will discuss Britain's disappointing share of China's world trade, with the exception of the aviation sector, and will consider what measures could be taken to regain the lost ground in this vast potential market.

Major contributors to this Report will include David Bonavia, The Times correspondent in Peking, Richard Harris and a team of specialists in Chinese affairs.

The growing strength of trade links between China and the West make this Report a unique platform from which Western businessmen and companies can promote their goods and services.

The Times is the most widely read English newspaper in China today. Last year's successful Report on Trading with China was read in the main Buying Centres of the People's Republic. This year distribution will again include circulation amongst the Chinese Buying Corporations and exhibitors and visitors to the Canton Fair which opens on October 15th.

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THE TIMES

Science report

Psychiatry: Patients in the dark

Patients referred to hospital by general practitioners for a psychiatric consultation are commonly unaware that the doctor they will be seeing will be a psychiatrist, and many are distressed when they discover they are attending a psychiatric clinic.

A series of interviews with patients in Manchester, carried out by a young doctor before he qualified and reported in the *British Medical Journal*, showed that in about a third of cases the word psychiatrist had never been mentioned by family doctors; the consultant had been described as a nerve specialist or simply a specialist. Patients believed they had not been told what to expect by their GPs, but often attributed that to the short periods they had spent with them.

Describing other findings from his interviews, Dr D. K. Skuse says that patients knew very little about present psychiatric practice. When asked about treatments in use, 20 per cent said they knew of none; others mentioned hypnotism, and there was a widespread belief that patients lie back on a couch to be taken back to relive unpleasant childhood experiences. Ten out of 24 who mentioned electric shock treatment thought they might be given it against their will.

Patients were reluctant to attend a psychiatric clinic because of their belief that a social stigma attached to such treatment, although that attitude was less prevalent among patients aged under 30. Most had kept their appointments to themselves or had confided only in other members of their households; several had disguised where they were going by saying simply that they had to see a hospital specialist.

Doctors may find that disguising the fact that they are referring a patient to a psychiatrist simplifies matters at the time, Dr Skuse says, but nothing is gained in the long run. Patients should have been given the chance to talk about their feelings to their family doctors, he says.

By Our Medical Correspondent
Source: *British Medical Journal*, August 23, p 471.

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MPs call for urgent action o safeguard British ail's Channel services

[P]eter Hill

[B]ritish Rail's shipping operations must be modernized and [e]nded to meet opportunities [for] growth and profitability, [u]rgent action is needed to [s]erve the *commercial sound*[ness] of its cross-Channel services according to the Commons [Se]lect Committee on Nationalized Industries.

The committee's report,* published yesterday, represents the most detailed and exhaustive [in]quiry of shipping operations in the public sector. It was followed by a call from one of the committee's members for the government to approve an investment of £100m in cross-Channel services and the creation of a national shipping policy.

Mr John Prescott, Labour MP for Hull, East, and a member of the *National Union of Seamen*, accused ministers of "shackling" state shipping, which he said had been plundered by the private sector.

The committee's investigation, which began in November 1973, into the ownership, management and use of shipping by British industries, highlighted particularly the deficiencies in the operation of the Shipping Services Division of British Rail—deficiencies [ag]gravated to a considerable extent by Whitehall constraints. [Go]vernment ministers responsible for shipping policy are urged to consider the whole [qu]estions of the shipping division of the railways and particularly the possibility of it being hived off from British Rail.

They are asked to consider the creation of a national shipping [com]pany; but no specific recommendations are made on this issue.

The all-party committee is emphatic that whether the shipping activities remain inside or outside British Rail's direct control, immediate action is required to safeguard its future.

"Urgent action is required if SISD is to remain viable on the cross-Channel routes and we recommend that everything that can be done should be done to modernize and expand its fleet to meet what is obviously an opportunity for growth and profitability," the report said, referring to the additional seaborne traffic that would flow from the decision to abandon the Channel Tunnel project.

The committee said British Rail should be authorized to go ahead with new developments at Parkeston Quay, Harwich to secure a share of the growing Channel container-ship traffic. Legislation should be introduced to allow the shipping services freedom of operation within the short sea routes.

There was criticism in the report of the threshold for *capital investment* projects requiring ministerial approval. The existing ceiling of £500,000 for the British Railways Board should be increased at present prices to £2m and for the STG from £250,000 to £1m.

On the question of cross-subsidization of services, the committee stated: "If BRB is required by the Government for social or other reasons to continue to operate an unprofitable shipping service which it has recommended for closure, the costs should be separately identified and charged to the Department (of the Environment). Enabling legislation *should, if necessary,* be introduced".

The Department of the Environment receives an implied censure over prevarication on investment projects submitted by the British Waterways Board. The MPs suggested that these should be reviewed urgently.

Mr Prescott said yesterday that he was pressing Dr John Gilbert, Transport Minister, to approve an immediate crash investment programme for Channel shipping and hovercraft services.

He was demanding that the Government should accept the *separation of British Rail's shipping services from the main board.* He also wanted the Government to consider setting up a national shipping agency to serve all the nationalized industries.



Mr Prescott: Ministers "shackling" state shipping

* *The Ownership, Management and Use of Shipping by Nationalised Industries* HMSO £7.70.

United Dominions Trust loses £55m

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Write downs and loan loss provisions on a wholly unexpected scale have resulted in a net loss of £54.8m by United Dominions Trust, the banking and finance house.

Losses were expected after the announcement in February that the group had set aside £21.6m against property loans and had consequently suffered a *pre-tax half year loss of £24.4m.*

But in addition UDT has now written down the value of various assets in the balance sheet by £25m, of which £4m has been charged directly to reserves. Combined with an after tax loss of £33.7m, the result has been a reduction in reserves of £58m, considerably more than observers were expecting. No preference dividends or ordinary dividends are being paid.

Before tax the loss was £32.4m, which compares against a profit of £11.7m the year before. This loss includes the property provisions plus a further £8m for unpaid interest, higher provisions against the domestic consumer credit business, some exceptional overseas losses and redundancy and re-*organization costs.*

During the year UDT has reduced its staff by 1,000 and has closed all 30 of its money shops and 18 offices around the country, saving around 80,000 square feet of surplus space. Among the extraordinary items is a £4m write down to £12m of the value of the head office building in Eastcheap, London.

The result of the losses has been that net assets have fallen to just over £36m, which compares against a capitalization with the shares at 18p of just under £20m.

Mr Len Mather, UDT's chairman, said yesterday that there had been no significant increase in the willingness of depositors to place funds with the group. It continues to be *the largest single recipient* of support under the secondary bank rescue operation, with deposits still totalling some £465m from the Bank of England/clearing bank "lifeboat committee".

In a statement to shareholders, due to go out with the accounts shortly, Mr Mather refers to the "renewed confirmation" that the "lifeboat committee" will ensure the continued availability of funds. But he points out that the funds are relatively expensive and says the aim is to reduce dependence on the support of the banks.

Yesterday he said that by "wiping the slate clean" the group had taken important steps towards this objective.

He emphasized that despite *the declining volume of new* instalment credit, UDT remained anxious to take on new business and believed it could take a larger share of the diminished market.

He said he did not expect any major contraction in the size of the business.

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Interest-free loans to pay textile trainees

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Textiles manufacturers, several thousands of whose workers have lost their jobs this year or are working on short time because of the recession, are to receive new assistance from the Cotton and Allied Textile Industry Training Board.

The board announced yesterday a scheme under which it will provide interest-free loans to help to pay trainees employed by recession-hit companies. The cash aid will amount to up to £980 a year for each trainee.

A spokesman for the board said that so far three companies had applied for the grants. The loans were designed to help firms in employing long-term trainees whom they could not otherwise afford to take on or keep in employment.

He added: "The services of long-term registered trainees will be greatly needed as soon as trade picks up.

"The board believes that it is in the best interests of individual firms and the whole industry, as well as of the trainees concerned, that sufficient trainees should be taken on, and that their training should be satisfactorily completed."

This latest form of assistance will be a useful form of additional support for the industry, which will undoubtedly also seek to take advantage of the employment subsidy scheme, which has been launched by the Government to check redundancies.

The industry's training board has also introduced other measures to ameliorate the problems faced by companies by helping to run in-company courses for days when plants are temporarily idle, while it is also seeking financial aid from the European Social Fund.

Imports fall gives Bonn record trade surplus

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 21

West Germany notched up its largest visible trade surplus so far this year in July when, according to Federal Statistics Office figures, it totalled DM3,700m (approx £685m). In June the visible trade surplus amounted to DM3,180m, while that of July last year was DM4,500m.

However, the latest surplus is not so much a sign of a strong trading performance than of recession at home. Imports at DM15,339m fell by 1 per cent from June's level and were 4 per cent down on July, 1974.

Exports, although rising by 3 per cent from the June level to DM19,056m, were 7 per cent lower in nominal terms than in July last year.

According to provisional Central Bank calculations, the current account balance of payments closed with a modest surplus of DM100m in July—unchanged from the June level.

In the first seven months of this year West Germany's trade surplus fell to DM23,400m from DM29,700m in the same 1974 period, while the current account payments surplus fell to DM7,400m from DM13,900m.

US returns to double-digit inflation but output, jobs, profits improve

From Frank Vogl
Washington Aug 21

New government data today shows that the United States has moved back up again to double-digit inflation, real spendable incomes are declining rapidly, and the demand for commercial loans at banks is continuing to fall.

But a marked improvement has taken place in the development of gross national product, employment and company profits.

The stock markets appear to be taking more note of the upswing in inflation—more due to the possible additional pressures this will have on interest rates than on the underlying improvement in the health of the economy—and continue to slide sharply, with the Dow Jones industrial index having fallen by more than 90 points in the past eight weeks, to below 800.

The Department of Labour reported today that consumer prices increased by a seasonally-adjusted 1.2 per cent in July, after a 0.8 per cent rise in June. This is the first month this year that prices have risen by more than one per cent, and the July increase is the largest seen in the United States since last September.

The Consumer Price Index has risen by 9.7 per cent in the past year.

The July increases were due largely to 31.7 per cent rise in food prices, the highest in 11 months, and the Department of Agriculture admitted today that food prices might increase by about 9 per cent compared to the department's earlier estimate of a 6 to 8 per cent rise.

Real gross national product has advanced by 1.6 per cent in the second quarter of this year, after an 11.4 per cent decline in the first quarter.

Its sharp upward revision today resulted from the June trade surplus and business inventory adjustments being at considerably higher levels than had been expected.

Some bank economists are suggesting that in the present quarter business profits will again rise substantially and a real gnp increase of around 8 per cent is likely. They are also predicting some modest improvement in employment.

Further evidence to support the administration's view that the economy is recovering well came late today with the release of data on new orders for durable goods, which the department of commerce reported rose by 5.3 per cent or $2,091m in July to a seasonally adjusted rate of $41,444m. This is the most marked advance since the recession started more than 15 months ago.

Today's figures will tend to strengthen the hand of Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, in his bitter argument with congressional Democrats. Dr Burns is refusing to give way to demands for more expensive monetary policies on the arguments that inflation remains an extremely critical problem.

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. W. Shakespeare

hat the Prime Minister ribed in his television dcast as the "rough ce" of the new limit on increases, is under attack ro groups of workers in motor and shipbuilding tries.

h of these groups, one in h Leyland bus and truck ries and the other at the Hunter shipyard on Tyne- are challenging the way which the Government's e Paper on wages strategy, its £6 a week ceiling on ncreases, is being applied ir own pay deals.

British Leyland plants in shire the company has that a new pay deal due te effect next month will to be renegotiated, gh its terms were agreed the unions on July 10. decision was taken after epartment of Employment old British Leyland that ttlement would not comith the White Paper. The workers at the bus and plant have banned overannounced a "policy of cooperation" and given that they will strike September 15 unless the pay deal is implemented in its original form.

At the Swan Hunter shipyards, where 5,000 men have been on strike for six weeks, demands have been made for an interim pay rise of more than £10 a week. Department of Employment officials have told the company and the unions that under the pay rules there can be no wage increase before January. The strikers will meet tomorrow to decide what to do next.

Meanwhile Leyland is facing a progressive shut-down of its Triumph car assembly plants in Liverpool and Coventry after the weekend and the lay off of thousands more of its workers. This follows a decision yesterday by internal transport drivers at the Triumph body making plant in Liverpool to continue their strike.

Chrysler has run into problems over its proposals for worker participation which include representatives on the main board. The management has put its detailed plans to a joint working party but yesterday it was revealed that workers at the central engines plants in Coventry are being recommended by their stewards to reject the package as it now stands.

Tailoring group staff accept £6

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

An important agreement within the Government-TUC pay policy has been reached between the Burton-Jackson tailoring group and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

Under a package deal managers and retail staff in the group's 580 branches will receive £6 a week and employees under 18 will get £4. It is one of the first agreements since the announcement of the £6 limit, and covers more than 6,000 workers.

Lord Allen, general secretary of the union, is a member of the TUC General Council's economic committee and was closely involved in working out details of the £6 policy. His union regarded £6 as an entitlement and was not, in Lord Allen's words, "prepared to accept second or third best from employers".

The package deal comes into effect on November 10—a year to the day since the last settlement. It gives guaranteed minimum earnings of £42 a week to adult sales assistants, with male and female rates being equalized from December 29.

The latest edition of the union's magazine, *Dawn*, comes out in staunch support of the £6 limit, claiming it is "fair to everyone".

Lord Allen says: "The whole package is clearly of assistance to the low-paid."

He adds: "If we not support the Government now, we may well find ourselves with a crisis of unmanageable proportions". He strongly opposes a *freeze on shop prices alone,* which he believes would affect the jobs of its members "who are at present lowly-paid compared with others".

Americans plan more gold sales

Washington, Aug 21.—Mr Charles Cooper, Assistant Secretary at the Treasury, told a meeting of gold producers, refiners, dealers and industry users today that more public gold auctions were likely this year. But he would not specify when the auctions would take place.

Gold experts told him they believed the auctions tended to stabilize market prices.

Users noted that the market price had forced American industry to reduce its gold purchases by about 30 per cent this year.

The United States maintains that gold should be treated like any other commodity and phased out of its monetary role.

France lists topics for energy talks

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 21

France has sent the 10 western and developing countries who participated in last April's preliminary conference on energy, an outline of the proposed topics for a wider international conference to be held later this year.

The purpose of this document, officials explained here today, is to ensure that a *minimal procedural agreement* —to guarantee the success of the main conference—now to be widened to include raw materials, and so avoid a second abortive preliminary round as occurred here in April.

This outline has gone to the United States, the European Community and Japan among the industrialized countries; Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela and Algeria for the petrol-producing countries; and Brazil, India and Zaire for the other developing countries.

C&W accounts reveal full extent of Coltronics loss

By Edward Townsend

Coltronics, the Hongkong subsidiary of the state-owned Cable & Wireless group now being investigated by a Commons Select Committee, made an aggregate loss of £2,997,000 in the four years since it was bought by the group, it was revealed today.

In the annual report of Cable & Wireless for the year to the end of March, the directors say Coltronics lost £2,215,000 in 1973-74 and there was a further deficit the following year of £508,000 as a result of termination and legal costs, and final disposal of stock.

Coltronics, which manufactured electronic calculators, is now in voluntary liquidation. The inquiry, by the Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, follows allegations from Social Audit, the consumers' watchdog group, that the losses were largely the result of the subsidiary taking on a contract it could not fulfil.

Further allegations have been made against the management of Cable & Wireless and the Treasury.

The group accounts show that pre-tax profit for the year was £19,019,000, an increase of £4,319,000 on the previous year. Net foreign exchange earnings totalled £27m against £22m in 1974.

The accounts show an improvement of £892,000 in the deficit of the group's non-concessional sector which dropped to £2,246,000 from £3,138,000 in the previous year. But, C & W claims, if the Coltronics losses are eliminated, the "negative contribution" increased by £815,000 over the two years to £1,738,000. This is blamed on adverse world economic conditions and inflation.

In the current year the telecommunications group sees big uncertainties but also finds ground for "cautious optimism" that turnover will rise and profits be held at the present level.

Big rise in SE fees next year

By Our Financial Staff

The Stock Exchange yesterday announced an increase in the rate of gross revenue paid by member firms from 0.6 per cent to 1.5 per cent from the beginning of next year.

The Stock Exchange said that the decision was part of its general overhaul of its financial position.

The rate of 0.6 per cent, fixed last January when it was decided to change the basis of charging for administrative overheads, has evidently proved insufficient in the light of experience and inflation.

There is also the question of funding the development of the new comprehensive settlements system which is now estimated to cost The Stock Exchange some £15m by the time it is complete, against the £9m quoted a year or so ago.

The Stock Exchange expects the higher rate will ensure a return to profitability in its operating account by the end of the current year.

Norcros raising £9.69m for overseas expansion

By Financial Staff

Norcros is raising £9.69m for overseas expansion through a 3-for-11 rights issue and a new debenture stock which carries a coupon of 15¾ per cent and is being issued at £98 per cent.

The group has obtained Treasury approval for an increase in this year's dividend from 4.57p to 5.54p gross.

Mr John Briggs, managing *director, said yesterday that the* group intended to use the new funds to increase its geographical spread and its overseas earnings, in part through organic growth and partly through acquisition.

There was no intention of expanding the existing range of activities—these cover construction, the manufacture of consumer products (including the Hygena range of kitchen units), engineering and printing and packaging.

The new shares are to be issued at 41p, and the proceeds will amount to £4.79m. The *underwriting has gone* "reasonably satisfactorily", as has the placing of the new £5m debenture stock.

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EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

ollowing are the monthly for Great Britain released Department of Employment day:

Unemployed Total unadjusted '000s	Seasonally adjusted '000s	%	Adult vacs seasonally adjusted '000s
486	480	2.1	359
606	538	2.4	305
599	552	2.4	279
590	547	2.4	275
647	546	2.4	298
535	548	2.4	315
516	562	2.5	319
567	577	2.5	317
656	597	2.6	301
647	603	2.7	301
613	607	2.7	294
621	613	2.7	273
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742	678	3.0	**
757	705	3.1	192***
758	722	3.2	186
900	760	3.3	173
813	817	3.6	156
831	864	3.8	141
1026	938	4.1	129
1195	967	4.2	134

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five organizations, the Fishermen's Federation, Scottish Trawler's Federation, the Grimsby Seiners' ion, Fisheries Organisation Society and the British s' Federation are to set ngle organization.

Trust shelves bid to widen equity stake in FMC

By Our Financial Staff

Reports that the NFU Development Trust has put forward proposals for an increase in the representation of its members on the board of FMC were unconfirmed yesterday. FMC is the meat wholesaler for which the Trust made a 65p a share bid last October, which was subsequently referred to the Monopolies Commission.

But the trust has confirmed that although the bid was cleared by the Monopolies Commission "it does not at present intend to make a further bid for the ordinary share capital of FMC".

The trust, which has a 40.9 per cent stake in FMC already, and had originally intended borrowing to fund part of the cost of its bid, has since been embarrassed by the resurgence in the equity market, which has put FMC's shares well ahead of their October level.

78 pc Liverpool offer taken up

By Our Financial Staff

Twenty-two per cent of the Liverpool bond issue announced on Monday has been left with the underwriters. Given the weakness in gilts on Wednesday, brokers Mullen, who, with the Liverpool firm of Tilney, arranged the offer, are not displeased with the result.

They note that a number of potential buyers of the stock refrained from subscribing, presumably in the hope of obtaining it more cheaply as underwriters, and that there was an unexpectedly high level of non-professional interest.

How the markets moved

The FT index: 304.5 +3.8
The Times index: 127.27 +0.94

Rises

Allen H & Rose	10p to 310p	Land Secs	5p to 145p
Brit Debt Serv	2p to 10p	MEPC	5p to 81p
Courtaulds	2p to 118p	Shell	9p to 327p
Dunks Gowerton	2p to 32p	Tate & Lyle	6p to 205p
Fisons	3p to 338p	Unilever	2p to 364p
Grampian Hldgs	3p to 39p	Waring & Gillow	5p to 59½p
Hunting Gibson	5p to 162p	Weir Group	31p to 571p

Falls

Ass Port Cement	7p to 139p	MIM Hldgs	12p to 188p
Brooke Tool	2p to 12p	Mono Containers	3p to 24p
Churchbury Est	10p to 123p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 303p
Estate Duties	5p to 225p	Thames Plywd	2p to 25p
GKN	2p to 207p	Thurgar Bardex	1½p to 5p
Hymersley	5p to 150p	Town & Com	1p to 12p
Marryat Grp	21p to 149p	Western Mining	6p to 148p

Equities closed the short account on a quiet note.

Gilt-edged securities had a drab session.

Sterling declined by 90 points to $2.1130. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.8 per cent.

Gold fell by 75 cents on the day to $162.125 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.18958 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.563408.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,185.8 (1,187.5 on Wednesday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.65
Austria Sch	38.25	37.25
Belgium Fr	85.50	82.75
Canada $	2.225	2.185
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.45
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.40	9.10
Germany DM	5.55	5.35
Greece Dr	69.50	67.25
Hongkong $	10.95	10.55
Italy Lr	1,151.00	1,465.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.70	5.50
Norway Kr	11.75	11.40
Portugal Esc	56.25	54.25
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.71
Spain Pes	125.25	120.25
Sweden Kr	9.30	9.00
Switzerland Fr	5.80	5.60
US $	2.155	2.105
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.25	36.25

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other forms of currency business.

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Apex wants Oxford blue clay to be nationalized

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

A call has come from the largest white collar union in the London Brick Co for the Government to nationalize Oxford blue clay, which has remarkable qualities for making bricks.

The Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) say there is danger in one company holding a monopoly position in the production of flettoni brick, which is made from Oxford blue clay.

Mr Ray Edwards, assistant general secretary of Apex, has asked Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, to set up a brick bank to meet any upsurge in demand.

Mr Edwards, in a letter to Mr Crosland, says Oxford blue clay, with its unique energy saving qualities, is too valuable to be left to private hands and should be subject to government control.

He said: "The London Brick Co has not only exercised a lack of social responsibility and commitment to the welfare of its employees, but also to the community as a whole.

"Brick production is generally centred in small rural communities with the company as the major employer of labour. Consequently, when London Brick forces closures, as is its policy, it brings tremendous upheaval to those communities."

BSC executives told of cutback plans

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Cutbacks among its 220,000 workforce form the most important single factor in the British Steel Corporation's fight for survival. The high cost of the corporation's labour force was the greatest single deterrent to a prosperous future—accounting for 73 per cent of the state steel undertaking's fixed costs—according to Mr Bob Scholey, the BSC's chief executive.

In a tough speech to the corporation's top executives he has made it clear that it was not just on the shop floor where the constraints existed.

"Manning in the service areas—that is, those parts of the works not directly engaged in production—is I believe, where our problems lie. When I look at some of our group's manpower charts there are jobs which are difficult to recognize.

"Our management structures must be got into proper shape. I am determined to jolt all parts of the BSC out of the land of lotus eating."

With the international steel industry recession showing no sign of abating in the short term, the BSC is faced with an increasingly acute financial situation.

Losses in the current year could be up to £250m, and with weekly losses amounting to around £5m the corporation is losing about £20 on every tonne of steel it produces.

Mr Scholey's speech is seen as a further attempt by the chief executive to underline to management throughout the BSC the urgency of securing all possible economies on the labour side, within the terms of the agreement reached last month with the TUC Steel Industry Committee.

Details of the meeting were published yesterday in the corporation's newspaper, *Steel News*, where Mr Scholey's comments received considerable prominence.

He told the corporation executives that as part of the exercise to "get right the numbers game", the BSC was determined to have a side-by-side comparative exercise to see how its manning compared with the best of the private sector steelmakers.

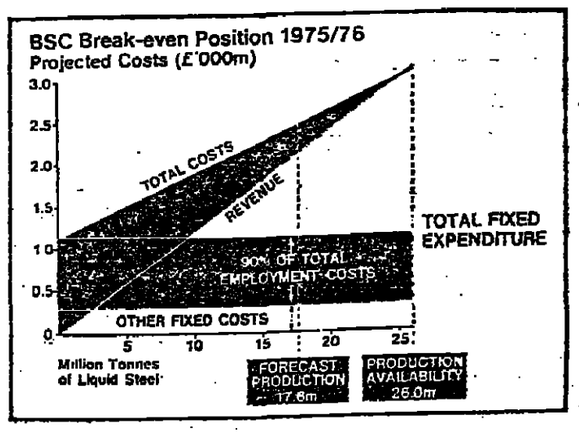
At the same time the corporation is planning a series of visits to European steelmaking centres for steel union representatives at both national and works level to demonstrate to them how their opposite numbers of the EEC fare in terms of manning levels and output.

The aim is apparently not merely to compare working standards and practices of the BSC and the rest of the Community, but to compare the overall standard of living—involving, among other features, pensions, holidays and other fringe benefits.

It was essential, Mr Scholey said, to have the unions acknowledge both that the management was fighting to maintain a good future for the majority of men employed by BSC, and that only a certain number of men could be employed for each tonne of steel produced.

He emphasized that the current weekly loss figure was "a straitjacket we have to get out of".

Mr Len Kingshott, BSC's managing director, finance, in a paper on the corporation's financial situation—which is to be one of the principal subjects for discussion throughout its divisions—outlined the serious about-turn in the corporation's financial performance.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Red herrings in the film industry

From Mr Alan Sapper

Sir, Mr David Goodenough, executive director of Bray Studios, Maidenhead, is reported to have warned of a shortage of film technicians (*The Times*, August 5). There is, however, no such shortage.

The employment situation in the film industry is characterized by the massive unemployment of thousands of skilled and creative technicians, of all ages, in every department of film production.

Does Mr Goodenough seriously assert that he cannot *find* camera personnel, sound staffs, editors, directors and production assistants? I find this literally unbelievable.

If he informs me of his needs I will guarantee to find the staff he needs, whether he wants clapper/loaders, art directors, or special effects technicians. Indeed, if he makes his needs known, they will find him, and *quickly*.

If evidence is needed of the seriousness of the situation, it is not difficult to discover. Ninety per cent of the technicians in the film industry have no security of employment; they are employed on a freelance basis and freelance is a euphemism for casualized.

In addition to television, radio and film processing technicians, ACTT represents film technicians. Of our total membership in the film industry, which covers features and commercials production, shorts and documentary film production and television film series production, not more than 250, 5 per cent of the total, are permanently employed. The remainder are employed freelance.

The tiny number of technicians who are permanently employed are concentrated in pre-production and post-production grades, ie they very largely carry out work on a film before it reaches the shooting stage or after the shooting is completed. The overwhelming majority of technicians who work on the actual shooting of a film are "freelance".

It is this group to whom Mr Goodenough refers. A survey of earnings and employment among a large sample of "freelance" technicians, conducted by our association last year, revealed that 46 per cent were involuntarily unemployed for from three to s and that 21 per cen employed for more months. The survey on the 1973-74 tax production situation ened considerably si

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Yours sincerely,
ALAN SAPPER,
General Secretary,
Association of Cine Television and Alli cians,
2 Soho Square,
London.
August 19.

Root causes of swing away from science at school

From Mr David Bloomfield

Sir, Mr R. H. Perrin et al (August 14) identify, in the relatively low status and earnings of industrial scientists, the root causes of industry's failure to recruit in this field.

This may well be true of those "considering continuing a career" in industrial science and technology, but what do Mr Perrin and his colleagues make of the decisions of increasing numbers of young people not to take up science at school, still less to pursue it to the extent of making it their careers?

Are we to believe that the "swing from science", now frighteningly evident in schools and universities, will be reversed by a few seats on the boards of companies or higher salaries for technologists?

No, sir, the cause of this phenomenon lies deeper, in the attitude of our society to science and technology. We seem to be a nation determined to ignore the technological basis of our economy, and to discourage the scientific literacy upon which our whole way of life depends.

The common man has for too long been alien education from sc practisers of which out to him as the some latter-day Eleu tery, awesome and hensible.

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Yours sincerely,
DAVID BLOOMFIEI
Secretary,
Standing Confere Schools' Science and Technology,
Institution of Engineers,
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London, SW1.
August 15.

'Spotless', a real winner

From Mr A. Harrison Ford

Sir, In recent letters published by you the question was raised as to whether there are other firms using telegraphic addresses, registered long ago, some of which were particularly apt—not to say indicative!

Upon our foundation at the beginning of the century, we registered "Excommune", still in current use, actuated by the fact that defaulters in bets were subject to being "warned-off" the turf, which penalty represented "excommunication" from racing and betting circles.

Incidentally, at about the same time, a very well-known Scottish bookmaker, registered "Sporless" as his telegraphic address, and that wise choice, doubtless, had something to do with his great success in his vocation.

Your Obedient Servant,
A. HARRISON FORD,
Founder/Secretary,
The National Turf Protection Society,
23 Pembridge Square,
London, W2.

Treasury speed

From Sir Hugh Weeks

Sir, Since the days of the Circumlocution Office, it has been a common sport to complain of delays in Civil Service administration. This is my excuse for gratefully reporting a match in their favour.

On Thursday last at noon, I dispatched a letter by hand to the Dividends Section of the Treasury asking for clarification of a confusing point as soon as possible.

When I returned to my desk after lunch, I found a message that a reply would be sent that afternoon. At 3 o'clock it was on my desk—delivered, I need hardly say, by hand. Perhaps I should add that the reply gave me the freedom I half-expected but not that for which I had hopefully asked.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH WEEKS,
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London, EC2.
August 19.

Taxi meters

From Mrs Carol Stone

Sir, Mr Plomley's suggestion (August 15) that taxi meters should be fitted with a device which would provide a printed receipt presupposes that the meter gives an accurate indication of the fare paid.

This has not, in fact, been the case since before the increase in fares previous to the one which has recently been brought into force.

Yours faithfully,
CAROL STONE,
2 Drayton Green,
London, W13.
August 15.

Industrial production down 3½ pc

By Edward Townsend

Industrial output in the United Kingdom has continued its downward spiral in recent months with the manufacturing sectors suffering the sharpest decline.

Figures in the latest issue of the Government magazine *Trade and Industry* show that the average level of the all-industries' production index for the second quarter of the year was 3½ per cent lower than the first quarter.

In manufacturing, output dropped by 8¾ per cent in the three months April to June compared with the third quarter of last year while for industry as a whole the corresponding figure was 7½ per cent.

Official statistics also indicate, however, that in the engineering industry new orders from the home market could be improving.

Stricter law next year on electrical goods

By David Young

New safety regulations for domestic electrical appliances have been drawn up by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection. They will come into effect on April 1 next year for manufacturers, and on October 1 for wholesalers and retailers.

These regulations will cover all domestic electrical equipment, whether home-produced or imported, for use indoors or outside, and the sale or hiring of equipment — including secondhand goods. If these items do not meet the new regulations it will constitute an offence under the 1961 Consumer Protection Act.

Introduction of the regulations will bring Britain into line with a directive on domestic electrical equipment adopted by the EEC in 1973.

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection proposes to publish guidance before October this year listing standards that in its opinion and in the light of advice from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Household Electrical Equipment, afford the degree of safety required.

1½ pc drop in consumer spending

The second preliminary estimate of consumers' expenditure in the second quarter is £25m lower than the first estimate, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistical Office.

It represents a fall of 1½ per cent on the first quarter.

Spending in the second quarter however was distorted by the post-Budget rush to purchase items subject to the 25 per cent rate of value-added tax. Without this extra demand the decline in consumption would have been even sharper.

CONSUMER SPENDING

The following are the figures for consumers' expenditure seasonally adjusted at constant 1970 prices, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday:

		£m	Annual rate of increase over previous quarter %
1972	Q1	8329	3·5
	Q2	8462	6.6
	Q3	8585	5.9
	Q4	8739	7.9
1973	Q1	9051	15.1
	Q2	8796	−11.8
	Q3	8955	7.4
	Q4	8957	0.1
1974	Q1	8855	− 4.5
	Q2	8791	− 2·9
	Q3	8964	8.1
	Q4	9098	6.1
1975	Q1	9059	− 1.7
	Q2*	8925	− 5.0

*Preliminary estimate

French seeking 'better system of currency float'

Paris, Aug 21.—France is making "a better way of floating" its first priority in coming currency talks, according to M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the economics minister.

He made clear that this did not mean Paris was any less intent on eventually attaining a "fixed but adjustable" system of exchange rates.

But he conceded that it would be "very long"—perhaps two to four years—before the world would be ready for such a high degree of currency stability.

The "immediate problem" was to reduce fluctuations within the existing system of generally floating rates.—AP-Dow Jones.

Chase offers corporate loans linked to SDRs

Washington, Aug 21.—Chase Manhattan Bank of New York today offered large companies and international institutions a new means of protecting their foreign exchange risks by introducing loans, deposits and forward exchange contracts linked to special drawing rights.

The bank said that the minimum SDR transactions which will be accepted will be for $1m (about £474m), while the maximum could range between $25m and $50m a deal.

The timing of the introduction of this new hedge vehicle coincides with increasing efforts by a number of national authorities, including the United States, to strengthen the position of the SDR

Further tests of Texaco field

Texaco is making a further attempt to evaluate an oil structure in block 15/16 of the North Sea close to the Occidental Group's Piper field. The company said yesterday that it was taking over the semi-submersible rig Sedneth 701 from today.

The first well was said last December to have a flow rate of 7,246 barrels a day but since then Texaco has had difficulty in evaluating the structure.

Arabs threaten boycott of Volkswagen

Beirut, Aug 21.—The Volkswagen car company faces a possible boycott in the Arab world because of a deal one of its subsidiaries made with Israel, well informed sources said here today.

The question of lifting another boycott, on British Leyland, depended on whether the company had concluded an agreement to set up a plant in Egypt, the sources added. Volkswagen has been held responsible for a concession its subsidiary, Audi-NSU, gave to the Israeli firm Saykel to manufacture Wankel Rotary engines under licence.

A warning was served about a year ago which has now expired and Volkswagen had not produced documents to prove it had ende dits dealings with Israel, the sources said.

In Wolfsburg Volkswagen announced that about 10,000 of its 46,400 workers and about 3,000 of its 6,200 employees in Emden will work overtime from the end of the month.

The men will work an eight-hour early shift on four Saturdays from August 30. It is planned to continue the Saturday shifts until the end of the year.

Overtime working is required because more workers than expected voluntarily terminated their contracts.

Coal confident of meeting output target

The coal industry has 2,500 more miners than a year ago and able to recruit all the men it needs to fill vacancies. It is also optimistic that its 5 per cent productivity improvement objective for this year will be realized.

On a visit yesterday to the Kent coalfield, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, said that last year was the best year for recruitment since 1967. The board was determined to see the productivity targets met and pits were being prepared in readiness for the resumption of work after the holidays.

Sir Derek, who placed himself strongly behind the Prime Minister's appeal to the nation to combat inflation, told miners: "We have all we need to meet our objectives. And if we meet our productivity plan, we shall keep down our costs and help the country as a whole to beat inflation."

The coal industry was gearing itself up to meet the increased demand for energy which would emerge when the economy picked up again.

Business appointments

Executive moves at United Dominions Trust

As part of United Dominions Trust's United Kingdom reorganization, Mr Ronald Backman has assumed control of all banking and instalment credit business. Mr Arthur Richards, group finance director, will supervise the property lending book and Mr Humphrey Oliver, who is chairman of the Finance Houses Association, is dealing with special property cases. Mr Clive Bateson remains in control of overseas operations and Mr Paul Clark is responsible for administration and services. These full-time directors, together with Mr A. H. B. Bangham, deputy chairman, and Mr L. C. Mather, chairman, comprise UDT's executive committee.

Mr P. J. M. Wilson has been made managing director of Chevron Oil (UK) as from September 1. He succeeds Mr J. E. Smith who is returning to a managerial post with Chevron Group's Western Operations Inc, at San Francisco. Mr Wilson is succeeded as managing director of Chevron International Oil Marine Sales, eastern hemisphere, by Mr M. Hodge.

Mr Graham Melmoth is secretary-designate of the Co-operative Wholesale Society. He takes up his duties on December 1 and has been nominated to succeed the parent secretary, Mr Tom Taylor, when he retires in June. Mr Melmoth is secretary of Letraset International.

Mr D. Saffer has become managing director of Bevington Lowndes.

Akzo nv Registered Office at Arnhem

Report for the 1st half year 1975.

Sales for the second quarter of 1975 were Hfl 2,354 million against Hfl 2,884 million for last year's corresponding period, a decrease of 18%. For the second quarter of 1975, an operating loss was recorded of Hfl 15 million. The net loss for this period was Hfl 48 million compared with a net income (exclusive of inventory profits) of Hfl 100.7 million for the second quarter of 1974.

The extremely unsatisfactory development of business throughout the first half of 1975, reflected in an 18% drop in sales – from Hfl 5,667 million in 1974 to Hfl 4,657 million in 1975 – led to an operating loss of Hfl 52 million for the period. Equity in earnings of non-consolidated companies also decreased strongly; in addition, interest expenses showed a considerable increase. This led to a net loss of Hfl 106.8 million for the first half of 1975, compared with a net income (exclusive of inventory profits) of Hfl 200.9 million for the first half of 1974. From the losses sustained in 1975, taxes have been deducted to the extent that these losses can be offset against the provisions for taxes charged to income in previous years.

The operating loss in the chemical fibers sector amounted to Hfl 90 million for the second quarter and Hfl 240 million for the first half year 1975. Sales in the first half year were 33% down on the same period of 1974. Our companies in the EEC countries again suffered heavy losses in the second quarter of 1975, although not quite as heavy as in the first quarter. Operating results of our chemical fiber companies in countries outside the EEC were positive in the second quarter.

Under the influence of the persistent worldwide economic recession the results for chemical products continued to decrease. Sales for the first half of 1975 were 10% lower than for the same period of 1974.

For pharmaceuticals, consumer products and miscellaneous products total sales and operating income for the first half year 1975 remained on a level with the corresponding period of last year. Pharmaceuticals continued to develop favorably.

The inventory level, which was too high at the end of 1974, was considerably reduced during the first half of 1975, namely by Hfl 270 million.

In the first half of 1975 funds from operations totaled Hfl 80 million (Hfl 640 million last year).

During the first half of 1975 the number of employees decreased by 4,400 to 101,000. In the United States the number of employees decreased by 2,000 and in Europe by 2,400.

The Board of Management

Akzo Arnhem, August 1975

Amounts in millions of guilders	2nd quarter 1975*	2nd quarter 1974**	1st half-year 1975*	1st half-year 1974**
Sales	2,354.2	2,883.5	4,667.1	5,667.3
Operating costs excluding depreciation	2,240.2	2,514.7	4,457.1	4,928.0
Depreciation	129.0	135.2	262.4	269.3
Operating income (loss)	(15.0)	233.6	(52.4)	470.0
Interest	57.1	33.6	110.7	64.7
	(72.1)	200.0	(163.1)	405.3
Taxes on operating income and interest	(18.4)	94.7	(54.3)	187.0
	(53.7)	105.3	(108.8)	218.3
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated companies	4.1	12.7	5.4	23.2
Group income (loss) before extraordinary items	(49.6)	118.0	(103.4)	241.5
Extraordinary items	0.8	(0.2)	(9.3)	0.2
Group income (loss)	(48.8)	117.8	(112.7)	241.7
of which minority interest	(0.5)	17.1	(5.9)	40.8
Net income (loss)	(48.0)	100.7	(106.8)	200.9
Net income (loss) per share of common stock, par value Hfl 20 per share, in guilders	(1.62)	3.41	(3.61)	6.80
Common stock	591.9	590.0	591.9	590.0

* from the Hfl 130 million provision for inventory risks made at December 31, 1974, Hfl 40 million and Hfl 90 million were added to operating income for the second quarter and the first half of 1975, respectively. The net loss was thus reduced by Hfl 21 million and Hfl 45 million, respectively.

** the figures for 1974, which are given for comparison, do not include inventory profits. For the whole of 1974, operating income included inventory profits to an amount of Hfl 260 million; the amount of inventory profits included in net income was Hfl 110 million. About one half of these inventory profits was realized during the first quarter and one-fourth during the second quarter of 1974.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Year to 31st March	1975 £,000
Turnover	6,393
Profit before tax	652
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	7.12p
Dividend per 25p ordinary share	2.25p

Points from the Statement of the Chairman, Sir Robin Brook, C.M.G., O.B.E.

Profits:—"In its fifty-second year Carclo is again re record results, with turnover 51% up at £6.4m and group before tax 78% up . . . ."

Dividend:—". . . maximum permitted under the previous tion restricting dividend increases to 12½% . . . ."

Prospects:—". . . it would be optimistic to assume main of our profit at last year's record level. However, we confident in the longer term. . . ."

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained fr Secretary, Carclo Engineering Group Limited, Hightown Cleckheaton, Yorkshire BD19 5JU. Telephone 0274

INTERIM STATEMENT

LONDON BRICK COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT

Consolidated Results (unaudited)	6 months to 30th June 1975 £'000	6 months to 30th June 1974 £'000	Year to 31st December 1974 £'000
Turnover	31,973	20,787	45,095
Trading Profit	6,344	2,032	4,575
Less: Depreciation	769	692	1,460
	5,575	1,340	3,115
Investment Income	34	251	284
	5,609	1,591	3,399
Interest Charges	522	224	729
Profit before Taxation	5,087	1,367	2,670
Taxation	2,755	749	1,537
Profit after Taxation	2,332	618	1,133
Extraordinary Items	—	264	337
	2,332	354	796

The recovery in profit in the first half of 1975 stemmed from a combination of factors. The most important of these was a steady rise in the level of house building following the collapse that occurred in 1974. The steps that had to be taken to reduce output at that time and the subsequent gradual improvement in demand has enabled the Company to lift some 168 million bricks from stock during the six-month period. As a result, deliveries in the first half were higher than in the same period of 1974. In addition, the January price increase and the subsequent withdrawal of the winter discount in April restored margins following the exceptional increases in cost that had to be borne in the closing months of 1974.

The results for the Banbury companies have been uneven. Those companies engaged in building and fencing have experienced a lower level of demand but this has been largely compensated for by increased profits in other activities, particularly glasshouses. On balance, profits for the half year are slightly lower than during the first six months of 1974.

Since the half year, demand for bricks has been maintained and this has enabled the remaining stocks of standard bricks to be lifted from the ground. The first steps to restore the production lost in 1974 were taken as early as March when output was raised by 10%. are now being discussed with the Trade Unions.

An interim dividend will be declared in October.

21st August 1975.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

UDT moves from one problem to another

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a gamble.

1974-75 (1973-74)
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loss £32.4m (£11.7m*)
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id gross — (4.13p)

Rentokil

UK demand turns soft

Rentokil is under pressure at home, and to a lesser extent abroad, despite the marginal improvement in pre-tax profits shown at the interim stage. The home market was fairly patchy last year, but the latest figures imply a drop of over £750,000 in the United Kingdom pre-tax figure for the opening six months, given that the overseas subsidiaries contributed £1.19m against £0.85m.

That this decline is directly related to a substantial fall in volume seems clear from the fact that United Kingdom turnover showed only a fractional increase within an overall turnover advance of £3m. Indeed, with labour and material costs still on the increase during the period, it seems fair to assume that Rentokil saw volume falls *of up to a fifth* in the home market for the first six months.

The group pinpoints two main culprits. Damp-proofing fell away because of the reduced availability of government improvement grants, and there is absolutely nothing to suggest that this situation will get any better over the rest of the year when government spending is expected to contract still further. Secondly the insulation division has suffered from government restrictions on cavity wall insulation, but Rentokil expect their own product to be relieved in the near future.

Increased costs in the United Kingdom are expected to pose further problems in the second half, although this should again be offset by improvement overseas. But the prospects for the home market do not look encouraging over the next 18 months or so, and margins abroad have taken a dip in the opening half of the year. So, while profits for 1975 are forecast to show some improvement, there is some medium-term uncertainty evident in the group's decision to do no more than maintain its interim dividend. At 57p the shares are yielding an historic 4.3 per cent which could prove vulnerable.

Interim 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £36m
Sales £19.1m (£16m)
Pre-tax profits £2.95m (£2.89m)
Dividend gross 1.185p (1.149p)

London Brick

Stocks cleared

London Brick's interim profits surge came as little surprise to the market following the chairman's comments at the annual meeting in May about the high level of brick liftings from stock as demand improved. The shares managed a fairly modest 4p rise to 53p yesterday, which may be underestimating somewhat the prospects for the rest of this year.

Stock of bricks stood at around 360 million at London Brick at the beginning of 1975. Over 100 million of these had been lifted by May, 168 million by the end of June, and apparently the remainder has since been lifted, implying the disposal of some 200 million in two months. Further production increases are now being planned following those in March and, though that will probably involve further overtime working, the prospects for second-half margins look good. So they do too for finance charges now that stocks are cleared. The January price increase and the withdrawal of the winter discount in April has obviously done much to help margins too. That leaves only the Banbury companies (in prefabricated buildings and fences) suffering from presently depressed demand though glasshouses are *helping to offset this.*

Second-half earnings are in the region of conjecture just now, but obviously hopes must be good for restoration of dividends to around the 1973 level (following last year's cuts in both interim and final) and that would throw up a yield of around 7 per cent. The prospective p/e would be around 6½ if the second half were only as good as the first, though that *would be somewhat surprising* provided that supply can keep up with demand. There is probably still something to go for in the shares.

Interim 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £31m
Sales £32m (£20.8m)
Pre-tax profits £5.09m (£1.37m)

Distillers

Gearing on the increase

The Distillers annual report may give a sneaking impression that the group is far from certain as to just where things go from here, but at least there is one expression of confidence in the future with a rise in the capital spending programme from £24m to £39m.

Meanwhile, however, suspicions that the business has been eating up cash at a very hungry rate over the past year or so are fully confirmed in a balance sheet picture showing a rise in borrowings from 25 to 40 per cent of shareholders' funds—the £51m jump in borrowings taking in a previously undisclosed medium-term loan for £25m that was taken out last November. And since the year end the ratio will clearly have risen further after allowing for the recent FFI facility.

Market forecasts for the current year range from a 5 per cent profit recovery to a 25 per cent fall. With such lack of unanimity, the yield of 7½ per cent with the shares at 110p seems a little exposed. But buying opportunities may occur soon at below 100p

Accounts: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £400m
Net assets £332m (£322m)
Borrowings £132m (£81.0m)
Pre-tax profit £71m (£84.2m)
Earnings per share 9.5p (11.7p)

Atlantic Assets

The fruits of enterprise

Atlantic Assets may have enjoyed a reputation for being one of the more enterprising and aggressive of investment trusts but the last year has shown all too clearly that such policies have their pitfalls when things start to go wrong. A drop in net asset value from 84.8p to 64.4p over the latest twelve months to end June might, of course, have been worse—albeit that the 64.4p takes in 15.9p for the stake in the currently suspended Haw Par. But what should shake any small investor is that a medium-sized investment trust should have to halve its dividend.

Gas tax row highlights CEGB problems

The suggestion by Mr Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, that a revenue-earning tax should be imposed on all natural gas supplies landed on our beaches, to protect the market for indigenous coal and to encourage further conservation of energy, has clearly ruffled the feathers of the British Gas Corporation.

Sir Arthur Hetherington, chairman of the corporation, has properly refused to enter into *a slanging match with the chairman* of another nationalized industry, but this has not prevented gas spokesmen replying to his observations.

They have restrained themselves to describing his views "ridiculous" and pointing out that, if a tax were placed on North Sea gas, its price would increase, demand would be inhibited and people would switch, in the domestic market at least, to electricity.

This would mean more coal or oil would have to be burnt to generate more electricity, and as more than two thirds of heat applied is wasted in electricity generation, this could hardly be described as an energy-saving operation.

It would appear that Mr Hawkins has caught a tiger by the tail. The story leading to the gas tax suggestion really started when, rightly or wrongly, comments by him about the price of coal were interpreted by members of the National Union of Mineworkers as blaming the coal industry for the high cost of electricity.

Mr Arthur Scargill and his Yorkshire miners had only a short time earlier complained that electricity bills which expressed fuel adjustment charges as £16.92 "per tonne" appeared to blame coal, and that people did not bother reading accompanying literature which mentioned oil as well as coal.

Protests were lodged with MPs which resulted in a Commons motion signed by 60 MPs *criticizing Mr Hawkins for his* comments.

Seeking to set the record straight and no doubt to soothe the miners and the MPs, Mr Hawkins sent a letter to the signatories of the motion which, apart from complaining of distortion and asking for help as well as criticism, explained the economics of the generating board's fuel bills.

Mr Hawkins's plea for understanding *incidentally was not* helped by the fact that a number of MPs had to pay 2p excess postal charge on receipt of the CEGB letter.

Exactly why the generating board chairman threw in his observations about the price of natural gas is a little puzzling. Uncharitable observers would no doubt suggest that he was attempting to recruit support for a gas tax which would make *that commodity less competitive.*

He says in his letter that North Sea gas ". . . is being marketed well below the true resource cost, that is, the overall cost to the community, and provides heat delivered to the home at a price which we cannot now even approach".

Again he says such a tax would meet the growing consensus that, even after the latest 20 per cent price increase, gas was still underpriced.

Those in the gas industry who have noted Mr Hawkins's observations totally reject them. The overall cost to the community of natural gas, North Sea or otherwise, financially, environmentally, socially or otherwise has been fully justified, they claim.

Since the conversion programme began late in 1967, there has been minimum impact in terms of people thrown out of work. Ugly, dirty gasworks have been removed, valuable land has been released for other uses, money has been saved on anti-pollution measures and all in the interests of *piping, without sight or sound,* a fuel to consumers which retains a 94 per cent efficiency when used.

As one official put it: "We have not had to build and maintain expensive manufacturing plant which is an eyesore and pollutes the atmosphere, because our fuel comes out of the sea."

One is forced to draw comparisons with electricity generating *stations, unsightly pylons* and wires and a return of a little over an average 30 per cent efficiency on heat applied to generate electricity.

Even when the gas industry starts on an even footing with electricity, using coal as an energy source, the development of the slagging gasifier now going on at Westfield in Scotland is returning 56 per cent efficiency in simulated natural gas, *compared with 35 per cent* of the best electricity generating station.

A northern gas man ruffled by Mr Hawkins acknowledges the chairman's comment about home heating and points out that in his part of the country on the best tariffs, to heat to the same degree a main living room, a gas fire costs £37 a year, an electric fire £82 a year, smokeless fuel £58 a year and for good measure, coal £49 a year.

There is no shortage of comparative figures. On the industrial use of fuel, according to gas corporation figures, taking into account the variation in tariffs, types of fuel, size and duration of contracts and similar considerations, coal comes out at about 8p a therm, to which must be added handling charges, gas at 12p a therm, heavy fuel oil at 8p to 8½p a therm, gas-oil at 12p to 13p a therm, liquefied petroleum gas at 17p a therm, and electricity between 41p and 58p a therm.

Gas is clearly a fairly good bet for industry but no new *bulk users will be entertained* for about three years, simply because sufficient natural gas supplies are not yet available.

When the Frigg field comes on stream in the second half of 1977, first supplies of gas will go to existing customers and if everything goes according to plan, bulk supplies for new industrial customers will be available in 1978.

Mr Hawkins's problems are *of course appreciated by most* people in the energy industries. His anxiety is that the future of the coal industry is placed in doubt because of the recent enormous increases in power station fuel prices.

In 1974-75, the generating board's fuel costs went up by 70 per cent compared with the previous year. Electricity charges went up and customers cut back on consumption to the *tune of 8,000 million units* below the forecast level.

He argues: "Four million tonnes of coal would have been burnt to produce this number of units of electricity and at pre-March 1975 prices, this would have been worth about £40m in added revenue to the coal board."

Mr Hawkins's price increase difficulties are spelled out in his letter: "The increase in the price paid for the 12 million tonnes of fuel oil (refinery residue) burnt in power stations in 1974-75 (20.9 million tonnes of coal equivalent) together with the full effect in that year of earlier increases, accounted for about £160m of the increase in the board's total fuel bill for the year.

"Coal is however the major fuel—we burnt 64.8 million tonnes in 1974-75—and the increases in coal prices accounted for no less than £280m of the increase in the fuel bill."

He gives a warning that with the fuel oil increase less than 25 per cent last year, the *competitive edge for coal as a basic* fuel for power stations has almost vanished.

One way of saving considerably on energy may be found in the National Economic Development Office's report on energy conservation, which points out that if trends continue, domestic consumption of electricity will be about 48 per cent of the public supply in 1980.

Most electricity for households *is used in heating, about* 70 per cent of the total (including cooking). The equivalent fuel requirements for power stations to generate this electricity amount to about 30 million tons of coal each year.

The report says: "If all the electrical heating for household use were done by natural gas supplies about 3,000 million therms would be required, which is equivalent to about 12 million tons of coal each year.

The apparent fuel saving would be 18 million tons of coal equivalent, and the savings on the capital cost of power stations compared with gas installations would be substantial, possibly as much as £1,000m."

Having said that, the report properly notes that the rate of depletion of North Sea gas is of great importance and says it "should not be used where an alternative fuel such as coal or *oil is available and comparable* economically".

When one considers that Mr Hawkins has incurred the displeasure of the miners, the MPs and the gas industry, one must conclude he has a stiff argument on his hands.

Add to this the strong arguments for transporting energy via gas mains and generating electricity at the point of use to do away with the grid, and his unenviable position is appreciated.

Ronald Kershaw

Spanish economy: waiting for the sun to rise

Spain will begin to recover from the worldwide economic recession by the end of this year or in the early months of 1976, *according to the Spanish Minister of Industry.*

Speaking earlier this month in the northwestern port of El Ferrol del Caudillo, Señor Alfonso Alvarez de Miranda, the minister said, "The country's economic recovery depends on three factors: the businessmen's will to invest, the speed with which other countries start up again, and the price of crude oil". The minister's predictions are relatively optimistic, compared with those of other Spanish economic observers.

The respected Madrid evening newspaper *Informaciones,* in its weekly economic supplement, said on August 12, "recovery is not just around the corner. Possibly the hardest months are yet to come, when the recession hits the bottom of the cycle and stays there for a while."

Informaciones did not venture a definitive prediction of the date of Spain's expected recovery, but it did say that economic recovery on an international scale should not be expected before the beginning of next year.

Most qualified economic observers in Madrid seem to agree that the economy has not yet "touched bottom," and that therefore it is too early to talk about an upswing. Among the many economic gremlins waiting to attack Spain's fragile economy are the annual round of wage negotiations expected in the autumn, and the steady —and unfortunately cumulative —problem of emigrant workers who are returning home from other European countries.

Inflation continues at a relatively high rate—just how high depends on whether you accept the somewhat rosy official figures or the more realistic estimates compiled by financial institutions and economic counsellors of foreign embassies.

Official figures peg the rate at about 18 per cent, reliable unofficial estimates put it as high as 25 per cent. The only consolation for Spaniards is that the inflationary rate does seem to have been diminishing slightly in recent months. This is probably a reflection of economic measures put into *effect by the government* last April. It is possible that these measures, if continuously and conscientiously applied, might cut the inflationary rate by the end of this year to 16 per cent or less.

If the government dallied previously in taking a serious decision to hold down prices, its delay was largely caused by fears of making the unemployment problem more *severe by putting a damper on* the already sluggish economy.

Spain can probably live with a high rate of inflation better than countries such as Britain. At any rate, Spaniards are more accustomed to inflation. During the last decade and a half, in a period of rapid expansion, Spain suffered an average inflationary rate of about 10 per cent, obviously reflecting not only "imported" monetary *inflation, but also* a lack of equilibrium within a rapidly-growing economy.

Like the inflationary rate, the real rate of unemployment in Spain is not easy to discover, even for top government officials. Such factors as widespread moonlighting, a normally large casual labour force, and totally unreliable income tax returns complicate the statistician's task.

At any rate the unemployment level is low, only slightly more than two per cent according to official estimates. Unofficial estimates go slightly higher, but nowhere near the levels reported in countries such as Britain, France, or the United States.

Spanish labour laws make it difficult and expensive for employers to sack workers. In effect, therefore, business acts as a shock absorber for unemployment whenever there is a slump. Workers remain on the payrolls in cases where in other countries they might be laid off. The pros and cons of such legislation are constantly argued in Spain, but there is no doubt that at times like the present, it lightens the government's load.

Thus Spain's Cabinet expresses concern at an unemployment rate of less than 3 per cent, a figure which the economics ministers of other countries with a more flexible labour market might consider a blessing.

The question of political stability also should be considered in assessing the health of the Spanish economy. With General Franco's 83rd birthday less than four months off, and with terrorism on the rise, some investors, particularly foreigners, might be expected to be hesitant about future business prospects. However, there is no real evidence that such is the case.

The Ford Motor Company, for example, is going ahead with its planned huge investment in Valencia, even in the face of British Leyland's withdrawal from Spain after fruitless attempts to win a significant share of the Spanish car market. While foreign investment is less than in previous *years, it is still coming in; the* decrease in the rate of foreign investments probably reflects the international economic situation more than Spain's domestic political situation.

And as far as the turmoil across the border with Portugal is concerned, its effect on Spanish business seems to be almost negligible. Perhaps it is even slightly positive, because tourists who might have gone to Portugal are probably coming to this country.

The tourist industry, incidentally, is one of the brightest spots on the economic scene. Contrary to all expectations, tourism seems to be again on the rise. Since it is Spain's biggest single industry and her greatest source of foreign currency, this is vitally important. No official figures are yet available on this summer's peak months, but hoteliers all over the country have the impression that there are more visitors than last year.

The only figures available so far are for the first five months, in which there were nine per cent fewer foreign tourists than in the same period in 1974. Even if the increase in the number of tourists proves to be only wishful thinking, it is a fact that the tourists are spending more. With fewer holidaymakers in the first five months of 1975 than in the same period of 1974, gross income from tourism was nevertheless $825m (£6,700,000) or 11 per cent more than in the corresponding period of the year before.

The trade deficit is somewhat less encouraging. Imports until the end of June totalled 487.000m pesetas, 13 per cent more than during the first half of 1974. While exports were up 15 per cent, they amounted to only 222,000m pesetas, and thus the gap between exports and imports continued to grow in terms of cash.

Clearly one category of imports which Spain is anxious to reduce in order to save vital foreign currency is petroleum, but, at the end of May, the value of crude oil imports was 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

All things considered, it is evident that the boom has come to a halt in Spain, but the letdown has been more gradual than in some other countries. How much further down Spain must go is still a matter of debate.

Harry Debelius

PSIT

Property Security Investment Trust Limited

RENTAL INCOME EXPECTED TO RISE

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. R. Perry:—

☐ This year's accounts have been prepared in accordance with new accounting standards adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the revenue account now incorporates realised gains on the sale of property investments in addition to investment income and dealing profit.
All interest and outgoings on properties in the course of development totalling £1,876,928 have been charged to revenue.

☐ The group surplus for the year is £508,466 and the directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 1.0909p per share which, with the interim makes a total of 1.5459p per share, the same as for the previous year.

☐ The year to 31st March, 1975 presented the most difficult trading period your company has so far encountered, with the combined effects of heavier property taxation, high interest rates and frozen rents. Despite those problems, gross rents rose from £1.7 million to £2.15 million. Investment income at £149,000 was virtually unchanged. Dealing profit fell to £60,000, but the previous year included substantial sales made before the collapse of the property market.
The company's portfolio of quoted investments was reduced during the year and at 31st March had a market value of £1 million, against a cost of £955,000.

☐ The development of sites held by the group continued only to the extent of existing commitments. Six floors of the Bootle office block have now been let, with other floors still under negotiation, whilst overseas the office block in Brussels has been let in its entirety. On industrial developments, work continued at Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate, Goole, Ashford, Stretford and on the first phase of the industrial estate at Weesp in Holland. Further industrial lettings were completed during the year and after 31st March.

☐ Both short and medium term borrowings were reduced by sales, but further short-term borrowing, under existing agreements, was used to finance the construction of properties under development. The overall reduction in the year was approximately £4 million. Long term mortgages were arranged on overseas developments and the properties charged have been revalued. No properties in the United Kingdom were revalued during the year.

☐ At 31st March, overseas properties had a book value of £8.45 million and United Kingdom properties of £24.5 million. Rental income from overseas property for the year was £475,000 and is currently at the rate of £750,000 per annum.

☐ With the country going more deeply into recession it is impossible to say when the company will be able to step up its development programme, but in the current year we shall benefit from rent reviews now agreed, from interest rate which have fallen from last year's peak and from further lettings and sales.

Results for the Year ended 31st March, 1975

	1975	1974
Gross Rental Income	**£2,151,000**	£1,712,000
Net Property Income	**£1,762,000**	£1,331,000
Attributable Surplus	**£508,000**	£513,000
Dividends per Share	**1.5459p**	1.5459p
Share Capital and Reserves	**£9,133,000**	£9,472,000

Copies of the complete Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretaries, W. H. Stentiford & Co., 1, Love Lane, London, EC2V 7JJ.

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The companies are in ceramics, electronics and textiles. In one case, 300 jobs are likely to go. The inducements offered by the South Africans —apart from the return on capital enjoyed in that country —include interest rate reductions on loans for working capital, tax reductions for black wages and rebates on rail transport for manufactures.

The Bantu Investment Corporation, a South African government-backed organization, is based in Pretoria. The eight homelands have a population of seven million, of whom four fifths depend upon agriculture.

The South Africans, whose own country is the only one on the African continent classified by the United Nations as industrially developed, obviously cannot regard with equanimity the nearness of eight new black states, however powerless, with little chance of matching South African living standards.

Killip, who will operate from London, has a roving commission to attract investment. He will be in Denmark the week after next to speak to some prospects there, and has had enquiries from West Germany.

He is a former industrial development adviser to local *authorities in the north-west,* where he now lives, and a founder of the Association of Industrial Development Officers, of which Lord Chalfont is chairman.

On account

More women students than ever before are this month waiting for the results of the



Hilary Morgan

examinations of the Association of Certified Accountants. How appropriate, therefore, that Hilary Morgan should be taking over as the *association's* assistant secretary for education and head of training.

Mrs Morgan succeeds Harold Shearing on his retirement, and will head a department arranging courses both for accountants and non-accounting executives. The training division is now so busy that it recently moved out of the ACA's Bedford Square offices and *into a new billet* in Museum Street.

Her break came with British Rail when, 10 years ago, she became the first woman to join a finance and accountancy scheme. She joined the association staff as courses officer last year after spells with Roneo Vickers and as a lecturer in accountancy at Croy*don College of Technology.*



Vera Di Palma

The ACA's careers booklets and posters have for some time shown women accountants at work, and have done much to *persuade schoolgirls and* careers mistresses to question the profession's own idea of itself as a male club.

This year, the number of women studying for ACA membership has doubled from that of last year, while the proportion is up from about one in 10 to one in eight.

Less than one in 20 of the membership is a woman, but this is probably far better than in any of the other accountancy bodies, and still improving.

If the ACA is showing a clean pair of high heels to its rivals in this respect, Business Diary wouldn't be surprised to be reporting one day that the association has come up with the first woman president.

Vera Di Palma, a tax specialist who regularly writes for *The Times,* is an active member of the ACA council, and they're all rather proud that she is only the second woman to reach this position in any accountancy body. It was learned yesterday that she has been invited by Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, to sit on the Air Travel Reserve Fund.

Panama chat

With the Prime Minister asking us to give our all, this isn't perhaps the most tactful of times to be promoting the charms of tax havens in the self-denying atmosphere of the Dorchester.

This, however, is what will be happening next month when Milton Grundy, barrister and author of Grundy's Tax Havens and assorted American apostles of tax avoidance will offer the uninitiated a three-day seminar on Panama, whose principal attraction is said to be "its simple and liberal corporate law which calls for the minimum registration requirements".

Panama is a favourite of *Tax Haven Review,* a Copenhagen-based monthly with which Grundy is associated, and is sponsoring next month's seminar.

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DARTFORD TUNNEL ACT 1967
COUNTY COUNCILS OF ESSEX AND KENT
PROPOSED REVISION OF TOLLS AT THE DARTFORD TUNNEL

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Environment has ordered a Public Local Inquiry into the representations made by the Dartford Tunnel Joint Committee for the revision of tolls authorised to be taken at the Dartford Tunnel. The said Inquiry will be held by Mr H. C. Lambert, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, at the offices of the Dartford District Council, High Street, Dartford, commencing at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 October 1975.
Any person wishing to make representations should attend or be represented at the Inquiry.
W. G. HOPKIN, Clerk of the Dartford Tunnel Joint Committee.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
The Church Commissioners have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME which includes provision for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of Kempley in the diocese of Gloucester. A copy of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Commissioners or may be inspected at the notice boards of the parish church of the parish of Kempley and St. Edward's Church, Kempley. Any representations should be sent in writing to the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank SW1P 3JZ to reach them not later than 23 September 1975.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—Sadler's Wells Foundation Greater London Scheme for the reconstruction of the body of governors.
Ref.: 207376-AS-LG.
The Charity Commissioners propose to ESTABLISH a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder St., London SW1, quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address.
Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 6123570 of 1975
In The HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division, Companies Court In the matter of READY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of July 1975 presented to the said Court by Dell Plant Hire Ltd. whose Registered Office is situate at Credon House, Verney Road, London, SE16.
And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2, on the 13th day of October, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of Hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
SANDOM KERSEY & TILLEARDS, 14-16 Hanover Park, Peckham, London SE15 5HX.
NOTE. Any person who intends to appear on the Hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The Notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the 11th day of October, 1975.

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1948 and in the matter of M. & P. ANGLO-FREIGHT ORGANIZATION Limited (in voluntary liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of Touche Ross & Co., Chartered Accountants, 3 London Wall Buildings, London EC2M 5PR on Wednesday the 24th September 1975 at 11.55 a.m. to be followed at 12.00 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up for the two years ended 1st August 1975.
Dated this 21st day of August, 1975.
W. J. EGGINS, Liquidator

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of WEST COAST FINANCE Limited (in Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday the 10th day of September, 1975 at 2.15 p.m. to be followed at 2.30 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 15th day of August, 1975.
J. D. NAYLOR, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of CAROLINE PRODUCTS (WILTSHIRE) Ltd. (in Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Thursday, the 11th day of September 1975, at 11.30 a.m. to be followed at 11.45 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1975.
N. B. CORK, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948
In the Matter of COX INDUSTRIES Limited
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Property developers.
Winding-up ORDER MADE 28 July 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 2 October 1975, at 11.30 a.m. at The Official Receiver's Office, 1 Collin Street, Nottingham.
CONTRIBUTORIES 2 October, 1975 at 3.0 p.m. at The Lecture Hall, Albert Hall Institute, Derby Road, Nottingham.
W. W. JORDAN, Official Receiver, 1 Collin Street, Nottingham.
Acting for Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator, High Court of Justice.

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 and in the Matter of MANBIC CONTRACTORS (WREXHAM) Limited. Registered Office: 17/21 King Street, Wrexham.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at Wrexham Great Motor, Chester Street, Wrexham, Clwyd, on Tuesday 9th September 1975 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 of the said Act.
Dated this 14th day of August 1975
By Order of the Board.
D. PARTINGTON, Director.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Account closes on uncertain note

With external factors continuing to depress, the London stock market had another uneventful session yesterday on what was the last day of an account shortened because of the holiday weekend.

The continuing sharp decline on Wall Street and the opinion that nothing new was gained from the Prime Minister's broadcast on Wednesday night kept potential investors at bay, probably until after the break. An added factor was the weakness of sterling.

Most leading shares managed to hold on to narrow improvements and the *FT* Index, below its overnight level at the start of trading, firmed sufficiently to close 3.8 better, at 304.5. But looked at on a wider perspective, the advance over the account was an impressive 25.7 points.

On the fixed-interest side, though, talk of higher transatlantic interest rates did not help sentiment and there was a retreat of up to three-eighths.

For the second day running, **Tube Investments** were a popular share following results and, in spite of some early profit-taking, closed the session 6p higher at 238p. Elsewhere on the pitch, **Weir Group** was helped by its big order for Qatar and added 3½p to 57½p, while **Metal Box**, after an early dip, rallied to add 4p to 230p.

Banks presented a firmer-than-average picture with

The reason for the unexpected activity in the new British Leyland shares has been small, but persistent demand from both the United States and the Continent. They have gained 13p since last week, though yesterday they were unchanged at 53p.

Lloyds 197p, **Midland** 247p and **National Westminster** 205p, gaining 5p, 5p and 3p respectively. Taking the view that the worst had been accounted for, dealers largely discounted the figures of **United Dominions Trust** and the shares closed unchanged at 18p. **Hongkong & Shanghai Bank** were 4p firmer at 220p after news of acceptance by Hutchison International of an offer by the bank to subscribe for new shares.

Properties proved to be another firm sector, notably **Stock Conversion**, up 8p to 138p, **Land Securities** 5p to 145p, and **English Property**, where suggestions of a bid sourred a gain of 3p to 47p. **Eagle Star** has a sizable stake. In insurances, **Royal** continued a good market and firmed 2p to 276p, while **Commercial Union** improved by 4p to 141p.

A sparkling first-half result from **London Brick** took the market rather by surprise and the shares added 4p to 53p. It is felt that up to 60p the share is still "cheap" so it may have some way to go yet.

Though it is known there is some improvement in the house-building market it was not expected that it would show itself in a supplier's results this soon. The figures also point to the success the company has had in slimming down its whole operation.

Others likely to benefit in a similar way are **Redland**, where a penny was added to 76p and **Marley** whose shares were unchanged at 66p. Other builders like **Taylor Woodrow** 244p, and **Laing** ordinary and "A" at 100p, were up to 4p better.

A rights issue had **Norcros** 3p off to 52p while the requoted shares of **Fodens**, the lorry maker, had a good session and ended 3p better, at 141p, after 16p. Jobbers were offering a nominal quarter-pence premium for the new redeemable preference shares but could find no sellers.

In bid situations, **Spirella** lost half a point to 37½p and **Vantona** were unchanged at 42p. After Wednesday's bid for **LCP**, **Central Manufacturing** shed 2p to 52p and **LCP** gained a penny to 51p. Following the disposal of its stake in Gable Industries, of the United States, **Hanson Trust** put on 4p to 96p.

Oils were largely unaffected by the depression on Wall Street with **BP** 2p firmer to 505p and **Shell** up 9p to 327p. In gold shares, there was a failure to hold on to earlier gains and at the end prices were narrowly mixed.

Two particularly firm shares of late have been **Tate & Lyle** and **Hunting Gibson** and yesterday proved no exception, the former gaining 6p to 205p and the latter 5p to 162p. **Trafalgar House** also attracted some interest and ended 3p up to 80p.

Profit statement had **Bensons International** unchanged at 180p, as were **Needlers** at 14p. **Johnson Group Cleaners** were a penny firmer to 31p, while a review from **Cavenham** left the shares 1p down to 128p. Chairmen's statements from **Howden Group** (74p) and **Scottish & Newcastle Breweries** (49p) added a penny in both cases.

After-hours conditions were lethargic and, where changed, leading industrials were a penny or two firmer. Profit-taking clipped a penny from **London Brick**, while oils were quietly firm under the lead of Shell. Golds were undecided in trend.

Gilts had another dull day. Dealers were unable to pinpoint any obvious influence, although some referred to disappointment at Mr Wilson's television broadcast and the renewed weakness of sterling. The continuation of inflation in the United States, and the prospect of further restrictive monetary policies there, also unsettled sentiment.

"Shorts" opened steady and help up fairly well for most of the morning. But selling then developed and most stocks showed losses of ¼ or 3/16 point on the day. In "longs", losses ranged up to ½ point.

Dealers referred to a lack of interest and said that turnover was modest.

New-time buying for Pilkington Brothers put the price up 4p to 34p. There were hints in the market that a trading statement would be made shortly.

Equity turnover on August 20 was £31.55m (10,354 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, Shell, Land Securities, Marks & Spencer, Howard Machinery new, Scottish & Newcastle new, Distillers, Barclays Bank, Royal Insurance, Reed International, GEC, British American Tobacco, British Leyland, EMI, Lonrho, Fodens, London Brick, Tate & Lyle and Pilkington.

RFD 'on sound basis'

Overall, the group is in a sound position, Mr D. R. B. Mynors, chairman of RFD Group, writes, and giving a good basis on which to build. Referring to the auditors' qualifications on reassessment of stocks and work-in-progress at £2.08m, he adds that the auditors have not attempted to reassess the value of stocks at March 31, 1974, of RFD-GQ. On information now available, the board does not consider there to be any material amounts included in the results which relate to prior years.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ayer Hitam Tin (25p) Int	8.0	8.0	17/10	—	9.79
Bensns Int Systems (20p) Int	1.28	1.2	1/10	—	3.95
Ellis (Richmond) (5p)	1.03	1.03	—	1.03	1.03
Heywood Williams (50p) Fin	Nil	1.75	—	Nil	1.75
J'son Gp Cleaners (25p) Int	1.0	0.97	1/10	—	2.18
Pentos (10p) Int	1.3	1.0	1/10	3.1	2.9
Rawlings Bros (25p) Int	Nil	0.75	—	—	1.62
Rentokil (10p) Int	0.77	0.77	—	—	1.65
Thames Plywood (25p) Fin	1.6	2.09‡	2/10	2.31	3.4‡
Tronoh Mines (25p) Int	1.64	1.37	21/10	—	4.02
Utd Dom Tst (25p) Fin	Nil	1.6	—	Nil	2.82
Woodhse & Rixn (12½p) Int	0.94	0.88	1/10	—	1.77

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. ‡ For 82-week period.

Costs controls squeezing Johnson

The first half (to June 28) of Johnson Group Cleaners saw profits not growing at the same rate as turnover. In part this is explained by higher interest charges. But in the main the slow-down reflects the difficulties of a situation in which labour and other costs continue to escalate under the stress of price control. Efforts are being made to overcome this problem, but meanwhile there can be no forecast for the year.

Turnover for the half year expanded by 20 per cent to £7.3m, while trading profits moved up by over £100,000 to £755,000, comprising trading activities £561,000 (against £488,000) and rentals from non-trading properties £194,000 (£163,000). The "pretax" put on 10 per cent to £697,000, to which is added an £88,000 surplus on disposal of properties. Earnings a share rose from 2.25p to 2.49p and the dividend is being raised from 1.44p to 1.59p.

Howden see upturn in all sectors

Howden Group, which reported an increase from £3.5m to £3.9m in pre-tax profits for the year to April 30, is expecting a further improvement in the current year. Profits are expected to improve in each of the main geographical areas in which the group operates. The European end, which last year reurned a "significant" loss, is expected at least to break even.

Although the group is currently well within its borrowing limits, it is proposing that the present limits should be raised to give it greater flexibility. It proposes that the new limit be twice capital and reserves, thus raising the amount that could be borrowed on the basis of the latest balance sheet from £11.4m to £25.3m.

Reed Shaw ahead

Reed Shaw Oslar, the Canadian international insurance broking group in which Glasgow-based Stenhouse Holdings has a 54.47 per cent equity interest, reports increased pre-tax profits for the nine months to June 30. On revenues up from £24.3m to £30.6m pre-tax earnings improved from £2.84m to £3.3m, while earnings per share rose from 19p to 20.2p.

Bensons up at mid-way

Both taxable profits and turnover of Bensons International Systems (loose-leaf ring fittings) in the half year to June 30 show moderate gains. Profits at £481,000 have expanded from £435,000 while turnover is up from £3.17m to £3.55m. Earnings a share work out to 10.3p, against 9.3p, out of which the dividend is raised from 1.79p to 1.97p.

As known, Swedish Esselte AB is making an agreed bid for Bensons' equity and convertible. Formal documents have now been despatched and first closing date is September 15.

Heywood Wms pass dividend

Though trading conditions in South Africa were good, increasing difficulties at home led to Huddersfield-based metal window group Heywood Williams passing a dividend for the year to April 24 (against 2.61p) on slightly lower profits. Turnover rose from £13.7m to £17.7m, but the pre-tax profit fell away from £502,000 to £491,000, and earnings per share from 11p to 8p after extraordinary items of £114,000 (against a credit of £141,000).

The same pattern of events persists in the present term. The special items related to redundancy payments and stock losses.

Gresham, Dublin bid

The board of Tunney S. Hotels of County Monaghan proposes to make a cash offer of 135p a stock unit for Gresham Hotel of Dublin. The offer values the whole of Gresham at about £1m, and is being recommended by the board. It will be accepted on the director's holding of 40.1 per cent.

Beeston-Thornhill

On July 10, Thornhill Securities bought a further 6 per cent of Beeston Foundry Holdings' equity giving it a stake of 54 per cent. The Takeover Panel has agreed that Thornhill need not make an offer for the rest of the equity.

The latest stake was acquired from Sapphire Fund.

Setback to Ellis

Pre-tax profits of Ellis & Co (Richmond) fell from £161,000 to £74,000 in the second six months to leave this wine and spirit merchant with £131,000 for the year to March 31, against £194,000. Turnover rose from £5.9m to £6.5m. The distribution is to rise from 1.54p to 1.59p gross out of earnings of 1.10p (1.72p).

James Neill sales improve 17 pc

Despite lower expectations at the annual meeting in June, sales of James Neill Holdings, Sheffield-based hand tool engineering group, showed a 17 per cent improvement on the same period, up to £12.08m for the half to June 30. Turnover was also "slightly ahead" of that for the previous six months. Overseas turnover (some 46 per cent of the total) was stepped up 15 per cent.

Tin payouts rise –Tronoh dips

Bearing out Mr John Richardson's remarks at the annual meeting that current-year profits at **Tronoh Mines** will not be maintained, those for the six months to end-June have plunged from £2.31m to £1.22m. But the dividend is being raised 1.96p to 2.52p a share gross. A reduction in output and a lower tin price are borne out by the fall reduction in turnover from £3.45m to £2.48m.

At Ayer Hitam Tin Dredging, the full-year figures to June show an upswing at pre-tax level from £2.51m to £3.63m and earnings from 16.8p to 25p a share. With Treasury permission, the dividend total has been increased from 14.6p to 19.8p a share, gross.

Anglo-Ecuadorian

Pretax profits for the six months to June 30 of Anglo-Ecuadorian Oilfields show good gains with a 55 per cent rise from £793,000 to £1.23m on turnover up from £10.9m to £14.7m. Moreover the board expects the second half to produce a similar profit to the first giving a total for the full year of about £2.4m, against £1.19m previously.

Stockfis rallying

Following a 35 per cent downturn in taxable profits in the first half to February 28 the chairman of Robert R. Stockfis (Manchester), sheet metal workers and steel fabricators, sees a significant improvement in the second-half compared with the first, thanks to cost-cutting and improving margins. Pre-tax profits in the first half fell to £120,000, before extraordinary items of £36,000.

Brasway record

Record pre-tax profits are reported by Brasway for the year to May 3 at £855,500 against £515,000. The board aims to pay the maximum dividend permissible this year.

Although profits for the second half were not up to expectations, they were a record and the board points out that throughout the year economic and trading conditions worsened.

LEISURE CARAVAN PARKS
Board confident that for twelfth successive year, record profits will be achieved. Pre-tax profits for year to end-February should be between £1.1m and £1.2m.

ISSUES AND LOANS, p. 18

City institutions ta... a fancy to Deboral...

By Anthony Rowley

An unconventional private placing unveiled yesterday involves a group of leading institutional investors in subscribing for new equity in **Deborah Services** (DSL), a company whose shares are not listed on the Stock Exchange but are to be traded "over the counter" from next month.

A spokesman for investment bankers M. J. H. Nightingale, who will make a market in DSL shares, said this was "an unusual case of City institutions backing a small British company".

DSL is a group specializing in scaffolding contracting, insulating and structural engineering and building equipment plant hire. Its turnover has swelled from £1.05m to £4.2m and pre-tax profits from £53,000 to £523,000 over the past five years. Borrowings totalled £1.18m at July 1, against shareholders' ... £732,000, and the ... will allow a re... borrowings.

The placing takes ... a £400,000 package ... shares and conv... stock. The stock ca... cent, though on for... of £630,000 this year ... borrowings will be... times and DSL has ... convert the stock ... profits exceed £80... consecutive years ... and stock yield ... 12.77 per cent.

The addition of ... mean that eight ... companies, will ... Nightingale's OT... Private placings ... stock normally ... existing shareholders of stock. The raising capital for an unquoted ... in this way is unus...

INTERIM STATEMENTS

SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMI...

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Afric...

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE HALF-YEAR END... JUNE, 1975

Financial Results:

The following are the unaudited results of the ... for the half-year ended 30th June 1975 together with ... rive figures for the half-year ended 30th June 197... year ended 31st December 1974:

	Half-year ended 30.6.75 R	Half-year ended 30.6.74 R
Interest received	417 000	406 000
Royalty received	—	—
	417 000	406 000
Deduct: Administration and other expenses	81 000	47 000
Profit before Taxation	336 000	359 000
Deduct: Taxation — South African normal tax	138 000	145 000
Net Profit after taxation	R198 000	R214 000

Notes:

1. **Dividends:** No dividends were declared during the six mon... review. Dividend No. 1 of 9 cents per share d... 12th December 1974 was paid on 6th February
2. **Royalties:** As indicated in the report of Vaal Reefs Explo... Mining Company Limited for the quarter e... June 1975 an amount of R1 340 000 (1974: R2 00... been provided by Vaal Reefs in respect of the ... Southvaal Holdings for the half-year ended 30th ...
3. **Loan to Vaal Reefs:** As at 30th June 1975 the amount on loan to Vaal ... financing capital expenditure in the area sou... Vaal river stood at its maximum of R10 000 000 (... 1974: R10 000 000). The loan earns interest at 7... per annum. In respect of the month of June of this year V... produced in excess of 136 000 tons from the V... South lease area. Consequently, in accordance ... provisions of the loan agreement, on 1st Jan... Southvaal is due to receive the first of the fo... consecutive half-yearly loan repayments of R487 ... ing capital and interest.

Operations at the Vaal Reefs Mine in the area Sou... Vaal River:

The attention of shareholders is directed to the ... report of Vaal Reefs which was published on 15th ...

For and on behalf of the Directors: D. B... G. M...

Johannesburg
4th August 1975

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Manufacturers of steel forgings, rolled steel rings, flanges trailers and springs.

INTERIM REPORT
for the half year ended 28th June, 1975

	Half-year ended 28.6.75 £	Half-year ended 29.6.74 £	28
Turnover	4,178,398	3,988,834	6,3
Trading profit before depreciation	641,030	414,882	9...
Depreciation	60,554	54,482	1...
Trading profit after depreciation	580,476	360,400	8...
Interest charges	10,476	27,400	...
	570,000	333,000	7...
Taxation	396,400	173,160	4...
Profit after taxation	£273,600	£159,840	£3...
Dividends	£43,200	£40,482	£...
Dividends per ordinary share	0.9436p	0.8842p	...
Earnings per ordinary share	5.98p	3.5p	...

Notes
1. Corporation tax has been calculated at 53%.
2. The calculation of earnings per share is based on the group ... after taxation and the weighted average of share capital in... including incentive shares.
3. The results for the half year ended 28th June 1975 have not ... audited.

Turnover and profit have been higher than for any compar... period in the history of your company. All subsidiaries ... contributed to this highly satisfactory result, with the fou... companies being particularly profitable.
Although there has been a reduction in order intake for some ... our products, demand for most products has remained a... satisfactory level, and together with good order books sho... ensure a continued high level of activity.
An interim dividend of 0.9436p per share will be paid on the... October 1975 to shareholders on the register at 19th Septem... 1975.

21st August 1975 — *G. S. Bake...*

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Distillers

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Sir Alex McDonald, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1975

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

for year ended 31st March	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Turnover	617,111	542,127
Group profit before tax	73,776	86,971
Profit after tax and minority interests	34,616	42,533
Extraordinary items	3,662	16,988
Surplus after extraordinary items	30,954	25,545
Dividends	19,542	18,421
Earnings per share	9.53p	11.71p
Dividends per share	5.38p	5.07p

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON RESULTS

The trading profit for the year ended 31st March 1975 amounted to £79.8 million, a reduction of £9.3 million compared with the results of the previous year. Purchases by our customers in anticipation of the increase in export prices made in January 1974 transferred into the previous year a substantial volume of exports of both Scotch Whisky and Gin which would otherwise have taken place in the year under review. In other areas the year was a disappointing one. Profitability in the home market was restricted by rising costs, price control and the delays inherent in the procedures for obtaining price increases. The results of some of our other United Kingdom operations were adversely affected by difficult trading conditions, particularly in the cases of the Carbon Dioxide Company and the Peerless Refining Company. Elsewhere we had similar problems, especially in Australia, where our subsidiary Companies had to contend with swingeing increases in duty and a high rate of cost inflation.

As will be seen from the Group profit and loss account, an increase of £4 million in interest charges contributed to the reduction in profits, so that after deducting taxation and minority shareholders' interests and adding our share of the results of United Glass the profit before Extraordinary items was £34.6 million or 9.5p. per share compared with £42.5 million and 11.7p. last year. A special supplementary contribution to the Group pension fund of £2.5 million is the main Extraordinary item. This is the additional sum after tax which we were advised by the consulting actuary was required at 31st March 1975 to fund the liabilities of the United Kingdom scheme. The shortfall arose from the effect of inflation upon pay levels since the fund was last valued three years ago. Unless inflation can quickly be brought under control it is very doubtful whether schemes providing pensions related to final salary will be able to continue in their present form.

The surplus attributable to the Company was £31.0 million. Your directors now recommend a final dividend of 3.3685p. per share. An interim of 2.0125p. per share has already been paid, making the total distribution for the year 5.381p. per share. Together with the associated tax credit the total distribution is equivalent to 8.18604p. per share compared with 7.44187p. per share last year.

The Group balance sheet shows that the value of stocks has increased by £69.4 million. A proportion of this figure is attributable to increased volume but the major part is a result of the high prices of raw materials and other greater manufacturing costs. As a result of the reduction in our distilling programme announced in December 1974 the increase in the value of stocks during the current year, although still substantial, will be somewhat lower. On the other hand, debtors at the year's end showed a relatively small increase but must be expected to rise sharply this year as a result of the massive additional burden of duty imposed by the Chancellor in his April Budget.

To fund part of the increased working capital required, available resources were augmented by a £25 million consortium bank loan repayable in 1979.

When changes in the purchasing power of the pound are taken into account, the Group profit before Extraordinary items was £32.9 million compared with £42.3 million for the previous year, equivalent to 9.1p. per share compared with 11.6p. Due to the very high level of inflation the net addition to equity interest during the year of £9.7 million wholly relates to the benefit derived from obtaining part of our financial requirements by way of long-term loans. The reduction in purchasing power of these loans by itself represented a gain of £19.1 million.

SCOTCH WHISKY

In the earlier part of the year the prices of cereals reached unprecedented levels and, although there has been some falling off in recent months, the increases in costs which have occurred over the years since our stocks of mature Scotch Whisky were laid down present us with a serious problem in making financial provision for their replacement. This particular consideration, coupled with limitations at that time upon the availability of additional long-term finance, was the major reason for our decision to reduce the production of new Whisky as from 1st January last to a level which was within our resources. Fortunately, in producing our existing stocks of maturing whiskies we had in the past made allowance for a number of contingencies which, in our present judgment, are unlikely to emerge and thus no restriction need currently be apprehended as regards the availability of our major brands.

For most of the year our blending and bottling plants faced a multiplicity of problems arising from bottle and material shortages, from disruption of distribution services during the transport drivers' strike and from a number of internal strikes. Cumulatively, these combined to create circumstances in which our blending and bottling companies were, on a number of occasions, unable to meet all the needs of their customers but on the whole supplies to the consumer were maintained reasonably well.

Owing to the limitations imposed by finance, some of our capital investment programme has had to be deferred. We have, however, continued the plan to expand the distillation capacity at Port Dundas. For some time the availability of barley malt from our own maltings has been insufficient for our forecast requirements. Arrangements are now proceeding for the enlargement of our existing maltings at Hillside and Ord.

The extension to our blending and bottling plant at Leven, Fife, is making excellent progress and the additional production lines should be in operation this year. To meet the longer-term projections of sales a completely new blending and bottling establishment is now under construction at Shieldhall, Glasgow, and is scheduled for completion in 1978. This plant will be operated by John Walker & Sons Ltd. and will be supplementary to their existing facilities at Kilmarnock.

In the home market the year opened with a duty increase which, although the first for some five years, was nevertheless unwelcome. It widened the gap between the taxes imposed by the United Kingdom and those in the rest of the EEC, which the member countries are committed eventually to close by the process of harmonisation. Despite the higher duty, the industry's sales at home increased to a new record. The market remained intensely competitive but the percentage increase in sales of Group brands was ahead of that achieved by the industry as a whole. In this performance all our major companies participated, with Dewar and Walker achieving above-average results.

We continued to experience substantial advances in the cost of wages, salaries, bottles and other materials and these led to successful notifications to the Price Commission of increases in home trade prices starting on 1st January 1975 and following on with others at three-monthly intervals up to the present time.

As has been the practice for many years, strong representations were made to the Chancellor on the very high rate of duty levied on spirits compared with other beverages and the heavy financial burden imposed upon members of the industry by the need to fund this duty during the traditional period of trade credit. At certain times of the year this has required in the past the commitment of financial resources by the industry to the extent of about £75 million. Despite these approaches, the Budget in April of this year further increased the rate of duty by nearly 30%. No assistance has been forthcoming on the problem of funding even the additional duty which in itself will at times require the availability of another £25 million. The industry's burdens at home are thus considerably heavier. The Government now reaps £2.58 in excise duty on every bottle sold in this country and, with Value Added Tax being payable on the duty-paid price, the VAT element has gone up correspondingly.

As mentioned earlier, export prices of the Group's standard brands were increased in January 1974. Our experience on previous occasions has been that following upon such an increase our market share is initially much impaired and this occasion was no exception. Over-all, we did not participate in the expansion in exports during the last financial year, although, of course, there were some exceptions to that generality.

In the United States the year opened with the threat of a longshoremen's strike on the East Coast which would have closed the ports from the beginning of October. The bulk of our Christmas trade there was thus at stake and very large orders, particularly for Dewar's White Label and Johnnie Walker Red Label and Black Label, were received for early shipment. The first six months of the year, therefore, were extremely busy and the effect of the reduction in business confidence in the U.S., coupled with increased unemployment and short-time working there, was perhaps obscured. Thus, when the threatened strike was called off, the immediate reduction in demand was not ascribed to the principal causes as seen in retrospect. After the completion of the Christmas trade, however, it was clearly necessary for us to revise our sales budgets for this market.

Despite this, Dewar's White Label and the Johnnie Walker brands continued to occupy leading positions in the U.S. market and one has every confidence that they will share in the improvement in sales which should follow an upturn in that economy.

The German market, after three disappointing years, showed considerable improvement.

In Japan the year has been one of consolidation following shipment of large supplies last year. Competition is growing but I am glad to report that White Horse, Haig and Old Parr continued to make good progress, while Johnnie Walker remained by far the leading brand there. In Australia, New Zealand and throughout the Pacific Johnnie Walker also maintained a dominant position.

Some success has been achieved in Canada, particularly in British Columbia. In South America the Venezuelan market remained strong and our brands, headed by Buchanan's de-luxe and Black & White and followed by Johnnie Walker, Haig Dimple and Old Parr, continued to develop their business most successfully.

In Africa the demand from developing countries improved but competition was intense. In South Africa, White Horse retained the leading position.

In Italy VAT on Scotch Whisky was recently raised to 30%, a most discriminatory measure, for in respect of spirits produced from grapes the rate remained at 12%. We are doing everything possible through official channels to have this blatant breach of the EEC rules eliminated.

During the year an exceptionally large number of foreign Governments introduced heavy tax or duty increases. The main markets involved were Australia, Canada and Mexico with increases equivalent to 55p., 24p. and 70p. per bottle respectively. One cannot but reflect that the Governments of these and other countries are influenced in this regard by the policy of H.M. Government who are, regrettably, leaders in the field of heavy taxation of our products.

GIN

Although affected to some extent by shortages of bottles and other materials in the period before Christmas, sales of our brands of Gin in the home market showed an appreciable increase. With diminishing profits and continually rising costs it became necessary to notify price increases starting with one on 1st January and thereafter at three-monthly intervals. The heavy duty increase imposed in the Budget this April also led to a considerable rise in the retail selling price of our brands of Gin, the long-term effect of which in terms of sales cannot yet be measured.

Shipments to export markets exceeded the figures of the previous year and I am pleased to report that sales of Tanqueray Gin in both the USA and Canada, in spite of prevailing economic conditions, continued to show most satisfactory gains. As regards countries where our brands of Gin are locally produced, both Gordon's and Booth's High & Dry recorded useful increases in the United States and sales of Gordon's in Spain showed substantial progress.

In spite of the general recession in trade, world-wide sales of Group brands of Gin reached a record level.

VODKA

The growth in the sales of Cossack Vodka in the home market continued, although the market remained extremely competitive. In the United States Gordon's Vodka achieved further progress.

PIMM'S

The encouraging increase in the sales of Pimm's in the UK market which I reported last year was not maintained. The poor summer in 1974 undoubtedly had an inhibiting effect. Nevertheless, the prospects for Pimm's remain bright.

COGNAC HINE

In common with most Cognac houses, Hine experienced a difficult year in terms of over-all sales and profits.

The company emerged from the year well equipped to support increased sales in the future while, at the same time, maintaining the high quality of its brands.

AUSTRALIA

The results of the United Distillers Pty. Ltd. suffered a severe setback due to the difficult economic situation in Australia and in particular the further sharp increase in duty imposed in July 1974. This led to a serious fall in sales of the Company's products and to a substantial loss on trading.

Tolley, Scott & Tolley Ltd. also had a difficult year, during which sales of their Australian brandy were much affected by the steep rise in the rate of duty.

FOOD GROUP

The Yeast and Food Division had a successful year with increased turnover and a further improvement in profitability. The sale of food products to the catering and bakery trades continued to expand and the return upon capital employed was satisfactory. Sales of Bakers' and Distillers' Yeasts in the United Kingdom were maintained but exports of Active Dried Yeast were reduced in the second half of the year.

The Peerless Refining Company had a difficult year. The subsidy on butter caused a reduction in the demand for margarine and exceptionally high prices for oils and fats lowered consumption for manufacturing purposes. As a result, sales and profits were considerably reduced.

CARBON DIOXIDE

The results of our Carbon Dioxide operations were seriously affected by the general economic climate. Costs escalated sharply to an extent which substantially outweighed the increases in price which could be obtained. At the same time, growth was restricted and sales in terms of volume showed only a very small increase on the previous year's level. As a consequence, profits were much reduced.

UNITED GLASS LIMITED

The consolidated profit of United Glass in the calendar year 1974 was £5,510,000 before taxation compared with £5,625,000 in the previous year.

Lost production caused by disruptive disputes in those industries which provide the divisions with essential supplies and services made it impossible to meet all customers' requirements. However, each division either maintained or exceeded previous production levels and this reflected the growing benefits of the planned investment programme of recent years.

It seems clear from the experience of the early months of 1975 that a quite dramatic collapse in demand for glass containers of all types has occurred. This is producing somewhat different problems for the management in the current year but the Company remains soundly based to take advantage of market opportunities.

PERSONNEL

Our personnel again demonstrated their ability to cope with the adverse conditions in which business was conducted last year. Their achievements in the circumstances deserve our appreciation and thanks.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The demand for Scotch Whisky in export markets, so strong over past years, has shown particular weakness in the USA since last Christmas. In many other parts of the world consumption remains encouraging and the prospect for sales reasonable. As regards profitability it is hardly possible to comment usefully on the future at a time when our Government is making further attempts to contain inflation. Our future is very much dependent upon the outcome of these efforts.

The Ninety-eighth Annual General Meeting of The Distillers Company Limited will be held at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1975, at 12.15 p.m.

The Distillers Company Limited (DCL)

Spirella has 32.7 pc Vantona acceptances

By Desmond Quigley

Spirella Group yesterday announced an extension of its £4.76m bid for Vantona in what has become an increasingly bitter take-over battle.

Rothschilds, acting for Spirella, said that the offer, which values Vantona's shares at 45.8p against a market price of 42p, had been accepted by holders of 32.77 per cent. In addition, Spirella, which held no Vantona before the offer was made, has subsequently bought 3.37 per cent of the equity in the open market.

The offer, now extended until September 2, appears to have been accepted by some institutions, but other large institutions, perhaps holding as much as 20 per cent of the equity, seem to be sitting the battle out for the time being.

Last night Samuel Montagu, who are advising the deeply-split Vantona board, said that Spirella's announcement of the level of acceptances was misleading as it concealed the fact that some 18 per cent of the shares were fully committed to accepting the bid. These shares are held by Dr John Blackburn, the Vantona managing-director, Mr J. Morris, another director, and Mr Basil Glass, the former chairman, who last month lost his bid to regain a seat on the Vantona board.

Rothschilds believe the bid is within good striking distance of receiving acceptances of at least 50 per cent. A reason given for the extension is to allow shareholders who have been on holiday during the struggle, or who have been overwhelmed by the recent spate of publicity, time to form a considered opinion.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster ..	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7%, over £25,000, 7½%.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
to the Holders of

The Flintkote Company

4½% Debentures Due October 1, 1980

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Article Three of the Indenture dated as of October 1, 1960 between The Flintkote Company and Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, the Trustee has selected by lot for redemption on October 1, 1975 at the principal amount thereof plus interest accrued to the redemption date, $147,000 principal amount of the 4½% Debentures due 1980 bearing the following numbers:

Coupon Debentures of $1,000. Denomination

M 31	317	583	966	1335	1817	2254
48	328	606	968	1354	1835	2256
72	357	608	978	1441	1887	2292
73	362	609	988	1442	1993	2296
86	365	613	1012	1466	1994	2300
89	371	614	1015	1476	2011	2321
93	372	633	1068	1477	2020	2327
107	386	671	1082	1514	2065	2443
109	387	713	1084	1524	2068	2447
126	389	720	1094	1558	2077	2462
150	393	731	1101	1559	2085	2464
191	402	821	1128	1600	2121	2475
199	422	823	1137	1623	2142	2477
221	433	833	1146	1631	2145	2484
223	452	853	1190	1719	2160	2485
252	488	872	1237	1726	2180	2486
267	495	891	1248	1728	2184	
276	506	898	1251	1750	2185	
279	546	909	1308	1763	2188	
294	548	955	1310	1776	2218	
304	553	965	1312	1794	2223	

Fully Registered Debentures called for redemption in whole or in part

Debenture Numbers	Denomination	Amount Drawn
R- 79	$1,000	$1,000
R-102	2,000	1,000
R-149	1,000	1,000
R-158	4,000	1,000
R-160	3,000	1,000

Accordingly, on or after October 1, 1975, the Debentures, or portions thereof, so designated for redemption will become due and payable and will be paid in the United States at the office of Bankers Trust Company, Corporate Trust Division, One Bankers Trust Plaza, Liberty and Greenwich Streets, Floor A, New York, New York (mailing address: P.O. Box 2579, Church Street Station, New York, N. Y. 10008), or at the option of the holder, in England at the office of Montreal Trust Company, Brewers' Hall, Aldermanbury Square, London E.C. 2, England, upon presentation and surrender of said Debentures accompanied by all coupons appertaining thereto maturing subsequent to October 1, 1975. Coupons maturing October 1, 1975 or prior thereto should be detached and presented for payment in the usual manner. Registered interest will be paid to or upon written order of the registered holders in the usual manner.

Upon presentation of registered Debentures to be redeemed in part only, there will be issued by the Trustee a new Debenture or Debentures in the principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof. Registered Debentures must be accompanied by proper instruments of assignment in blank where payment to anyone other than the registered owner is requested.

On and after October 1, 1975, interest shall cease to accrue on said Debentures, or portions thereof, designated for redemption.

The Flintkote Company
By: BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, *Trustee*

Dated: August 22, 1975.

Debentures Previously Drawn

The following coupon Debentures of $1,000. denomination, which were drawn for redemption on October 1, 1974, have not yet been presented for payment:

M 27 147 208 490 1741 1867

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges were quite active yesterday. A series of indicators of the United States economy and the latest West German trade figures were published and adversely affected the dollar. The mark consolidated its recent gains.

Sterling reacted unfavourably to Mr Wilson's television broadcast on inflation, dealers describing it as predictable and noting the absence of new policy moves. The pound closed at $2.1120, down 90 points on the day. The "effective depreciation" rate widened from 27.5 per cent to 27.8 per cent.

Gold closed at $162¾, down $2 on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 21	Market rates (close) August 21
New York	$2.1070-1180	$2.1115-1125
Montreal	$2.1880-1950	$2.1900-1920
Amsterdam	5.53-56f	5.55-56f
Brussels	80.55-81.05f	80.55-75f
Copenhagen	12.55½-59k	12.55½-56½k
Frankfurt	5.40½-44½m	5.40½-41½m
Lisbon	55.50-56.10e	55.75-95e
Madrid	123.00-50p	123.05-25p
Milan	1,407-14lr	1,408-10lr
Oslo	11.50-54k	11.51-52k
Paris	9.19½-23½f	9.20-21f
Stockholm	9.07-12k	9.09-10k
Tokyo	628-33y	628-30y
Vienna	38.00-50sch	38.10-30sch
Zurich	5.63½-67f	5.63½-64½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.3 per cent to 27.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	7.65-.55c prem	1.80-1.70c prem
Montreal	.37-.27c prem	1.08-.98c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	10-9c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	85-65c prem
Copenhagen	6-3ore prem	14-11ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	10¼-9¼pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-30c disc	90c prem-30c disc
Milan	2-6lr disc	10½-12½lr disc
Oslo	5-4ore prem	13½-11½ore prem
Paris	2½-1½c prem	6½-6½c prem
Stockholm	3ore prem-par	7-4ore prem
Vienna	40gro prem-par	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4½-3¼c prem	12-11c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9637-40.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5½-6½; seven days, 6-6½; one month, 6-6½; three months, 7¼-7½; six months, 8-8½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $161.65 (an ounce); pm, $161.90.

Krugerrand (per coin): $169-171 (£80½-81) (domestic); £[illegible] (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $49½-50½ (£23½-23¾), (new); $49½-50½ (£23½-23¾) (international).

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13¼% 1980 (£100b)	£10¼-¼
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100b)	£10¼-¼
Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (b)	£9¾
Cambridge Wtr 8% Rd Pf (b)	£9½
Derby 13½% 1982 (£98½b)	£10
E. Surrey Wtr 9% Rd Pf (b)	£99¾
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	135
Land Secs 10% Cnv (£100)	£41
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (55)	50
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£101
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (a)	£9¾
Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100)	£88-1
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (b)	£88¾
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£99¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Bk Leumi Is (£1.25)	Oct 2	8½ prem
Brit Car Auctn (102)	..	15½ prem-½
Chubb (66)	Oct 3	12½ prem-½
Clayton Dewan (36)	Sept 19	16 prem
Crellon (25)	Sept 26	½ prem
Howard Mach (25)	Oct 3	8 prem-½
Normand Elec (25)	..	2 prem
Royal Worcs (78)	Sept 19	14 prem
Scot and N'castle (40)	Sept 23	6½+1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £65 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £25 paid. l £40 paid.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102	103
Airlease 8¾ 1988	80	83
Ashland 8 1987	89½	90½
BICC 7¾ 1987	68	72
Bristol 8¾ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	79	82
Burlington 7¾ 1987	90	91
Carrier 8 1987	88½	89½
Chevron 7 1980	96½	98
Conoco 7 1980	97	98½
Cenoco 8 1986	95½	96½
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	84	85
Coventry 8¾ 1981	90	92
Coventry 8¾ 1980	88	90
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	89½	90½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101½	102½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91	93
Dana 8 1987	89	90
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	81½	82½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	79	80
Dundee 9¼ 1983	91	93
Escom 9¼ 1989	89	91
Escom Floating Rate 1983	97½	98½
First Chicago 7 1980	94	95
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	80
GATX 8¼ 1987	89	90
Guardian Royal 8 1987	74	77
Hambros 7½ 1987	77	80
ICI 7¾ 1992	76	79
International Util 8¾ 1982	92½	93½
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71	74
Manchester 8¾ 1981	87	89
Mexico 8¾ 1991	82	85
Michelin 7¾ 1988	82	83
Mitsubishi 9 1989	96	98
Motorola 8 1987	93	94
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	74	77
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	79	82
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102	103
N. A. Rockwell 8¾ 1987	90	91
Occidental 7½ 1984	82	84
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	88½	89½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100½	101½
Pennwalt 8 1987	90	91
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	91	92
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	84½	85½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	96	97
Shell 7¾ 1987	92½	93½
Singer 11 1977	101½	102½
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102½	103½
Slough 8 1988	67	71
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	100½	101½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98½	99½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99	100
Sybron 8 1987	89	90
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	86	87
Textron 7¾ 1987	83½	84½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	91	92
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91	92
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	94½	95½
Volvo 8 1987	85½	86½
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	81	84
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104½	105½
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	78½	79½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	84	85
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100½	101½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	72	73
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	87½	88½
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	92	95
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	104	105
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91½	93½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1983	103½	104½
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	92	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
Am'can Express 4¼ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	88½	90½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	100½	102½
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	88	90
Borden 5 1992	85	87
Borden 6¾ 1991	97	99
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	72	74
Carnation 4 1987	80	82
Chevron 5 1992	92	94
Cummins 6¾ 1986	80	82
Dart 4¾ 1987	79	81
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	108	110
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	74	76
Eaton 5 1987	71	73
Ford 6 1988	71	73
Ford 5 1986	84	86
Gillette 4¾ 1987	70	72
Gould 5 1987	75	77
Gen Electric 4¾ 1987	81	83
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	120	122
Harris 5 1987	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986	72	74
ITT 4¾ 1987	66	68
J. R. McDermott 4¾ 1987	132	134
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	101	103
Nabisco 5 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	86	88
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	72	74
Revlon 4¾ 1987	92	94
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	40	42
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	87	89
Squibb 4¾ 1987	75	77
Texaco 4¾ 1988	72	74
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	104	106
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	86	88
Xerox Corp 5 1988	70	72

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.0	8.3	4.0
126	90	Henry Sykes	121	—	4.9	4.1	8.1
61	26	Twinlock Ord	26	—	0.9	3.6	6.4
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	63	—	12.0	19.0	—
56	48	Unilock Holdings	56	—	4.5	8.0	10.8

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars declined by £2.25 yesterday, while three months wire bars were £3.00 lower. The closing tone was steadier. Cash cathodes fell by £2.50 and three months cathodes by £1.75. Tone: quiet.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £619.50-20.00 a metric ton; three months, £641.50-42.00. Sales, 9,075 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £605-6.00; three months, £628-28.50. Sales, 1,100 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £616-16.50; three months, £638.50-39.00. Settlement, £616.50. Sales, 7,700 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £601-01.50; three months, £623.50-24.00. Settlement, £601.50. Sales, 1,100 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER was quiet.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 229.80p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 484.9); three months, 236.90p (496.3c); six months, 244.70p (508.2c); one-year, 260p (531c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 231.2-31.4p; three months, 238.2-38.4p; seven months, 248-49.0p. Sales, 15 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 230.8-31.00p; three months, 237.5-37.6p; seven months, 247.3-48.3p. Settlement, 231p. Sales, 18 lots (about half carries).

TIN.—Standard metal closed steadier, high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,180-85 a metric ton; three months, £3,240-45. Sales, 745 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,180-85; three months, £3,240-15. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]. Settlement, £3,185. Sales, 840 tons mainly carries. High grade, cash, £3,160-65; three months, £3,220-25. Settlement, [illegible]. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $1,495 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £185.50-87.00 a metric ton; three months, £195.25-95.50. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning.—Cash, £186.[illegible]; three months, £195-95.25. Settlement, £186.75. Sales, 5,550 tons (about half carries).

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £354.00-55.00 a metric ton; three months, £367.50-68.00. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning.—Cash, [illegible]; three months, £366.50-67.00. Settlement, £353.50. Sales, 1,725 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 50p to £82.50 ($172) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug-Sept, £195; Bangladesh white "D" grade, Aug-Sept, £198 per long ton. Calcutta closed, local holiday.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 160-65p per kilo; Dec, 164-66p; March, 175-76p; May, 176.79p; July, 176-82p; Oct, 180-84p; Dec, 190-93p; March, 195-97p. Sales: one lot.

Bradford.—Prices are sometimes quoted much higher. Rises reflect awareness of replacement costs rather than willingness among buyers to pay them. Nevertheless, some more modest increases have been established. The market buying movement now seems to be over and conditions are quiet at present. Wool is selling well in world markets at firm prices. Involving increases to sterling buyers, but requiring a fair amount of floor-price support. The quoted basis in pence per kg is: 64s warp, 190; 60s super, 163; 58s super, 147; 56s super, 140; 50s carded, 134; 48s carded, 132.

RUBBER was uncertain but basically steady.—Sept, 35-37.50p per kilo; Oct-Dec, 37.35-37.50p; Jan-March, 38.55-38.60p; April-June, 39.55-39.60p; July-Sept, 40.55-40.65p; Oct-Dec, 41.55-41.65p; Jan-March, 42.25-42.40p; April-June, 42.50-43.90p. Sales, 75 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were hesitant.—Spot, 35-37.00p per kilo. Cifs, Sept, 32-32.60p; Oct, 32.75-33.40p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 28.0-32.0p per lb; English hindquarters heavy, 36.0-38.0p; Eire hindquarters, 37.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 19.0-21.0p.

VEAL: English bobbies, 8.0-10.0p; Scotch bobbies, 6.0-8.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 58.0-66.0p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 67.0p.

LAMB: English small, 28.0-32.0p; *English small, 34.0p; English medium, 27.0-32p; English heavy, 26.0-28.0p; Scotch medium, 24.0-29.0p; Scotch heavy, 24.0-25.0p.

Imported frozen: NZD's, 28.5-29.5p; NZ2's, 28.0-29.0p; NZ3's, 26.0-27.0p; NZYLs, 26.0-27.0p.

EWES: 9.0-12.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 26.0-32.0p; English, 100-120lb, 26.0-31.0p; English, 120-160lb, 26.0-29.0p; English, 160-180lb, 22.5-28.0p; English, 180lb and over, 23.0-27.0p.

*Special quotation—very high quality produce in limited supply.

BACON: Prices were marked down at yesterday's official setting for imported and Ulster sides—by £45 per long ton, except in the case of Swedish, these being reduced by £35. This means that Danish sides are now priced at £800 per ton, top-grade Ulster and top-grade Irish Republican at £795 and Swedish sides at £785.

Total supplies for the week ending August 23 are estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture at 3,920 tons, compared with a revised figure of 9,060 tons for supplies in the previous week.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures moved irregularly during the afternoon, with continued long-liquidation in the nearer positions initially depressing the market before local covering gave prices a steady appearance at the close. Prices finished £5.00 to £9.00 down on balance and sales totalled 943 lots.

Arabicas finished 5 to 130 points lower in sales of 25 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £771.0-73.0 per metric ton; Nov, £778.0-79.0; Jan, £787.0-87.5; March, £790.5-91.0; May, £795.5-94.0; July, £796.5-97.0; Sept, £798.5-99.0; sales: 943 lots, including eight options.

ARABICAS.—Aug, $95.80-96.00 per 50 kilos; Oct, $93.50-94.00; Dec, $94.80-94.90; Feb, $95.00-95.50; April, $95.40-96.00; June, $96.10-96.80; Aug, $96.45-96.75; Sales: 25 lots.

COCOA futures lost occasional fresh ground in late afternoon, but finally rallied from the "lows" still to finish barely steady on the day. Prices closed £4.50 per tonne higher on balance to £3.00 lower.

Sept, £605.0-07.0 per metric ton; Dec, £566.0-68.0; March, £559.0-59.5; May, £554.0-55.0; July, £551.0-55.0; Sept, £553.0-60.0; Dec, £550.0-57.5. Sales: 1,751 lots, including 104 options. ICO prices: daily, 51.45c; 15-day averages, 54.71c; 22-day, 55.65c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR.—Prices moved irregularly and futures closed £16.25 to £11.50 down on balance. The London daily prices were: "raws" £10 down at £215 and "whites" £6 down at £219.—Oct, £203.50-05.00 a long ton; Dec, £201-01.25; March, £199.90-00.50; May, £194.00-94.50; Aug, £192.90-93.00; Oct, £190.75-91.00; Dec, £189-91.00. Sales: 4,578 lots. ISA prices: 20.05c; 17-day average, 16.09c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Aug, £[illegible] per metric ton; Oct, £81.90-82.50; Dec, £81.70-82.00; Feb, £84.70-85.00; April, £85.80-95.90; June, £95.50-96.80; Aug, £96.90-97.40. Sales: 35 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—A fair quantity of optional sorghums traded for Sept/Oct shipment to the west coast United Kingdom. Optional maize prices displayed small irregular movements and scattered business included Sept/Oct trans-shipment to the west coast. United States milling wheat prices were marked higher in line with firmness in Chicago.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring number two 14 per cent Nov, £10[illegible]; Dec, £104.80 direct shipment Tilbury. EEC feed, Aug, £63.25; Sept, £63.75 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French Sept, £70.25; Oct, £70 east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, Aug, £63; Sept, £63.25 east coast.—All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

MARK LANE.—Domestic grain prices moved higher yesterday, reflecting recent gains in Chicago and increased selling reserve. Milling wheat met a fairly active offtake with business in London including Sept delivery at £65.50 and Oct-Dec at £68.50. In Liverpool, Sept-Dec traded early in the day at £68.50 with Oct-Dec delivery subsequently realizing £70.25.

Denaturable quality wheat was also quite active. Dealings in Avonmouth included Oct-Dec delivery at £67 to £67.50 and Jan-March at £70 up to £70.75 per long ton, while Sept-Dec changed hands in Liverpool at £67 to £63 and Oct-Dec in East Anglia at £66.75. Feed barley was generally neglected apart from scattered business in Avonmouth at £65 for Oct and at £66 for Oct-Dec. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for del. London area: Wheat Hagburg, Sept £64.50 to £65.50; Oct/Dec £68 to £68.50; denaturable, Oct-Dec £66.50; barley feed, unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY barely steady.—Sept, £62.90; Nov, £65.10; Jan, £66.85; March, £68.35; May, £69.65. WHEAT very steady.—Sept, £64.85; Nov, £67.30; Jan, £69.15; March, £70.50; May, £71.65. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Sth Lincoln	£60.15	£59.15	£58.55
Wiltshire	£61.90	£60.55	£60.25

Discount market

Discount houses faced quite a marked shortage of day-to-day credit in Lombard Street yesterday. To alleviate this, the Bank of England bought a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly from the houses in need. However, underlying factors suggested the assistance may have been slightly underdone.

Only towards the end of the day, following the authorities' programme of help, did conditions begin to ease a little and final balances were usually taken at 9½ or 9¼ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10¼ Close 9½
Week Fixed: 9¾-9⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¼	2 months	10¼
3 months	10¼	3 months	10[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10[illegible]	3 months	11
3 months	10½-10¾	4 months	11¼
4 months	10[illegible]	6 months	11½
6 months	10[illegible]		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11½-11
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11½-11
3 months	11-10½	9 months	11½-11
4 months	11-10½	10 months	11½-11
5 months	11-10½	11 months	11½-11
6 months	11-10½	12 months	11¼-11¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10[illegible]	6 months	11-10½
3 months	10[illegible]	12 months	11[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9½	3 months	10½
7 days	10	6 months	10¾
1 month	10¼	1 year	11½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 10 Close 3

1 week	10	6 months	11-10¾
1 month	10¼-10½	9 months	11¼-11½
3 months	10[illegible]	12 months	11[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 11 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Hutchison to take HK & S $150m offer

Hutchison International has accepted the offer from Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation to buy $HK150m worth of Hutchison shares.

The bank announced its offer on August 7, conditional on Hutchison taking up the offer within 30 days. HK & S offered to take up for cash 150m $1 nominal shares at par.

In addition to the time element, the offer was also conditional on Hutchison agreeing to appoint two HK & S nominees to its board. Also stipulated were assurances from Hutchison for changes in its management, including the appointment, by the bank, of a new chief executive.

Hutchison is to convene a meeting of shareholders on September 4 to ratify acceptance.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 21.—Persistent selling on the New York stock exchange overcame an undercurrent of bargain hunting today with the market closing broadly lower. About 890 issues declined to 460 gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed with a loss of 1.57 (1.37) points to 791.69. It was ahead about six points in early trading, then tended to move uncertainly. In the two previous sessions the industrial average sank about 30 points.

Volume totalled 16,610,000 shares compared with 18,630,000 yesterday.

The news background was mixed. As the stock market opened, the Labour Department reported that the consumer price index leapt ahead at an adjusted annual rate of 14.4 per cent in July.

Silver dips 7.2 cents

New York, Aug 21.—**SILVER** futures tumbled more than 11 cents from the day's highs to close 6.80 to 7.20 cents lower on news that the United States Treasury plans to auction more of its gold supplies this year. The market's theory is that the prospective auction may prompt a decline in gold prices which in turn could drag down silver prices. Aug, 479.20c; Sept, 480.20c; Oct, 484.80c; Dec, 492.00c; Jan, 498.50c; March, 507.60c; May, 516.00c; July, 524.30c; Sept, 532.60c; Dec, 544.90c. Handy and Harman $486 (previous $481). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.046 (previous Can$5.077).

GOLD.—Futures closed 50 cents to $1.30 lower in quiet trading in New York and Chicago. On the Comex, final settlement prices were 50 to 80 cents below overnight rates. On the IMM losses ranged 80 cents to $1.30 lower. COMEX GOLD.—Aug, $162.10; Sept, $162.60; Oct, $163.70; Dec, $166.30; Feb, $169.30; April, $172.30; June, $175.10; Aug, $178.50; Oct, $181.50; Dec, $184.60. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, $162.10; Dec, $165.80-166.10; March, $170.30; June, $175.10 asked; Sept, $180.30; Dec, $185.60 nominal.

COPPER.—Futures closed easy down 90 points on 2,044 lots. Aug, 60.00c; Sept, 60.20c; Oct, 60.80c; Dec, 62.10c; Jan, 62.70c; March, 63.90c; May, 64.90c; July, 65.90c; Sept, 66.90c.

SUGAR.—World Sugar futures in No 11 contract were offered en masse at the limit down of 1.00 cent reflecting concern that todays lifting in the United States ban on trade with Cuba by American subsidiaries could eventually lead to a resumption of Cuban sugar deliveries. Sept, 17.85-90c; Oct, 17.85c asked; Jan, 17.29c nominal; March, 16.89c; May, 16.64c asked; July, 16.40c asked; Sept, 16.25c asked; Oct, 16.10c asked. Spot 18.35c, off 1.65c.

COTTON.—Futures closed steady. Oct, 51.59c; Dec, 52.05c; March, 52.70-72c; May, 53.00-10c; July, 53.60-65c; Oct, 53.90-41c; Dec, 54.20-25c.

COCOA.—Futures slumped today on what was described as "panic" liquidation by commission houses in the nearby months. Sell stops were touched off. Sept, 55.20c; Dec, 50.40c; March, 48.35c; May, 47.40c; July, 46.75c; Sept, 46.17c; Dec, 45.25c. Spots, Ghana—unquoted. Bahia, 57¾c.

COFFEE.—Roaster interest in physicals improved slightly today. Sept, 84.40-38c; Nov, 84.75c nominal; Dec, 84.90-65c; March, 83.90-80c; May, 83.20-40c; July, 85.00c nominal.

WOOL.—Fine Wool closed unchanged to 0.10 cent down, on an estimated six lots. Crossbreds closed unchanged to 0.05 cent down. There were no sales. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 153.5c nominal; Oct, 153.0-61.0c; Dec, 153.5-60.0c; March, 153.5-60.5c; May, 153.5-60.5c; July, 151.0-61.0c; Oct, 150.0c bid; Dec, 150.0c bid. CROSSBREDS.—Spot, 82.5c nominal; Oct, 78.0-8.60c; Dec, 78.8-85.0c; March, 79.0-86.5c; May, 80.0c bid; July, 80.0c bid; Oct, 80.0c bid; Dec, 80.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil dropped 0.71 to 0.28 cents a lb by the close with Meal off $1.80 to $7 overall after its recent climb to new highs for 1975. SOYABEANS.—Sept, 612-13c; Nov, 619-21c; Jan, 630-28c; March, 638c; May, 645c; July, 647-48c; Aug, 647c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept, $152.50; Oct, $152.00-3.00; Dec, $158.00-7.50; Jan, $159.50-16.00; March, $164.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 25.60-70c; Oct, 24.60-65c; Dec, 23.70-24.00c; Jan, 23.70-75c; March, 23.60c; May, 23.50-55c; July, 23.15-25c; Aug, 23.10-15c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New).—March, $162.00-25.00; May, $164.00-6.50; Aug, $171.50-2.00. CHICAGO GRAINS.—[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1115 ($2.1180); three months, $2.0931 ($2.1[illegible]). Canadian dollar, 96.43c (96.42c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was down 3.83 to 329.45. The futures index was down 5.23 to 311.39.

The dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 791.69 (793.26); [illegible]

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9773			
33.6	20.6	Giants	26.8	28.6	4.00
35.0	21.0	Do Accum	29.1	31.0	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	23.8	25.8	4.30
34.0	19.0	Do Accum	26.1	27.9	4.50
38.1	20.1	Income	25.2	27.4	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	29.2	31.4	8.20
22.8	15.6	East & Int Acc	17.4	18.4	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	18.6	19.7	4.72
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	30.0	30.8	4.57
24.2	11.0	Do Income	20.9	22.2	8.46
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	22.5	23.9	4.36
		Albea Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Alben Trst*	50.3	54.1	3.82
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	40.2	43.3	6.59
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	46.3	49.5	6.06
50.9	31.4	Do 1st	43.7	46.7	6.09
48.5	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	43.3	46.3	6.47
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	23.7	25.4	6.57
24.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	20.5	21.9	6.51
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	35.3	37.7	5.55
46.5	29.1	High Income	39.2	41.9	7.17
27.8	16.4	Equity Income	23.3	24.9	8.36
23.8	14.1	International	20.3	21.7	2.38
38.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	33.0	35.2	11.60
79.8	43.5	Hambro Fnd	68.4	73.1	6.08
38.7	22.1	Do Income	31.5	33.6	8.49
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	68.8	73.5	8.88
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	14.2	15.2	8.32
20.7	12.3	Do Accum	18.2	19.5	5.48
21.7	12.6	2nd Smaller	18.4	19.7	8.46
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	38.3	41.0	3.30
126.2	80.5	Exempt Fnd	110.9	118.5	6.82
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
30.6	25.0	UnicornAmer	26.8	28.7	2.39
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	45.1	48.7	2.34
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	54.7	59.1	2.54
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	45.1	48.8	5.03
64.2	30.2	Exempt*	55.1	57.4	7.35
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	17.1	18.2	9.84
50.9	22.4	Financial	42.1	45.5	4.76
49.3	26.4	Unicorn '500'	40.1	42.9	5.35
24.1	12.0	General	20.4	22.1	6.94
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	24.5	26.5	5.06
55.8	30.0	Income	45.1	49.1	8.20
25.2	14.9	Recovery	21.6	23.1	5.35
85.3	44.7	Trustee	71.3	79.9	6.32
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	39.9	42.7	3.14
140.0	96.7	B'tst Inv Fnd	120.4	124.1	5.69
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	123.0	126.8	5.69
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	95.0	102.0	2.24
123.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	104.0	111.0	2.20
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	90.0	97.0	9.05
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3 01-623 4951			
198.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	155.0	165.0	9.19
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	23.6	25.2	2.44
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	23.9	25.5	2.44
89.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	72.0	78.0	6.86
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	11.8	12.7	8.16
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	11.9	12.8	5.16
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	35.7	37.2	5.90
30.0	17.7	Balanced (2)	27.2	28.8	6.64
31.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	27.2	28.8	4.71
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	24.4	25.8	9.45
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2 01-600 8520			
150.0	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	136.4	141.4	7.00
179.6	116.9	Do Accum (1)	158.0	163.0	7.00
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
28.0	15.9	Canlife Gen	24.3	25.5	4.97
31.1	17.1	Do Accum	27.3	28.8	4.97
25.2	17.7	Income Dist	23.2	24.5	8.84
38.0	19.1	Do Accum	25.9	27.2	8.84
		Capel (James) Management Ltd.			
		100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ 01-588 6010			
50.0	45.5	Capital Fnd	48.5	50.0	4.75
50.0	48.5	Income Fnd	48.5	50.0	8.00
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.2	34.5	Carliol (8)	50.1	52.8	4.10
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	55.0	57.5	4.10
24.0	24.2	Do High Yld	22.9	24.9	10.68
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	80.3	Inc* (24)	97.4	..	7.46
180.5	79.8	Accum* (24)	141.9	..	5.11
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.6	12.2	Int (3)	18.8	20.0	2.43
22.8	13.6	Accum (3)	19.8	22.0	2.43
31.0	20.2	Inc (3)	28.8	28.4	8.91
27.0	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	25.2	27.0	2.40
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	20.4	21.8	3.99
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	16.1	17.1	5.58
39.9	23.9	International	35.0	37.5	2.35
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	25.5	27.5	5.10
34.9	18.0	High Dist	31.0	33.0	7.73
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Courtwood House, Sheffield, S13 8D 0742 79842			
61.5	39.7	Commodity	50.7	54.5	5.68
32.1	17.4	Growth	28.7	30.8	3.05
34.1	13.0	Drayton Capital	20.2	21.3	3.55
35.6	22.4	Drayton Inc	29.2	31.1	7.96
44.7	29.0	International	39.5	42.1	2.58
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 53169			
53.4	29.6	Progressive	42.5	44.9	4.54
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
47.0	22.3	Equity & Law	41.3	43.4	4.94
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	43.6	46.2	5.62
46.8	24.0	Income	41.2	43.8	7.68
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.8	12.9	Friends Prov	23.4	25.0	5.10
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	27.2	29.0	5.10
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	72.0	74.9	5.32
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	56.0	59.0	8.81
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	63.0	66.0	8.82
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	20.4	21.8	6.90
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St. Martin's-Le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
63.8	36.0	GT Cap	52.6	56.0	3.70
71.8	38.8	Do Accum	59.9	63.7	3.70
103.2	72.2	Do Income	91.3	97.1	7.00
149.6	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	127.5	135.6	1.00
160.0	94.6	Do Japan Gen	147.3	156.7	1.08
97.5	95.9	Do Pension Ex	97.5	102.3	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	29.1	31.3	4.50
29.9	22.1	Do High Inc	27.0	29.0	12.73
28.5	19.8	Do Overseas	22.1	23.8	1.78
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1031			
61.0	31.5	Guardhill	56.4	58.4	5.69
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
46.8	32.5	Aust Trst	33.3	35.6	3.12
64.6	38.3	Cabot	80.2	84.0	5.00
26.8	20.6	Cap Accum	23.5	25.0	4.41
38.1	35.7	European	33.5	35.8	2.86
43.6	25.2	Far East Trst	36.9	39.3	2.47

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
178	48	AAH	138	..	12.7	10.2	5.2
81	11	AB Electronic	30	..	6.1	20.4	2.1
43	36	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.4	18.4
100	43	AD Intl	84	..	3.5	3.7	10.7
66	15	AGB Research	36	+2	3.3	8.8	5.8
230	93	APV Hldgs	173	..	13.0	7.5	6.6
88	21	AVP Ind	44	..	3.7	8.0	4.1
80	13	Aaronson Bros	34	..	2.4	7.0	8.8
16	9½	Abbatoirs Int	12	..	2.2	17.5	4.5
109½	40	Acrow	85	..	5.7	6.7	8.1
76½	22½	Do A	64	..	5.7	8.9	8.0
21¾	15¼	Adams Food	19	..	1.6	8.5	10.0
39	8	Adda Int	9	..	..	..	..
87	37	Advent Group	83	+2	9.2b	9.9	8.1
48	8	Aegon'l. & Gen.	18	..	1.8	8.3	8.8
115	68	Airfix Ind	100	..	4.3	4.3	9.4
66	27½	Do NV	35	..	4.3	7.8	5.2
90	22	Albright & W	58	-2	5.3	9.1	4.2
64	56	Alcan 10½%	170	..	1060	15.6	..
85	54	Do 9¾ Cnv	89½	..	980	12.5	..
48	26	Allen E.	42	..	5.3	12.7	3.9
49	12	Allen W. G.	23	..	3.5	13.9	4.4
57½	14½	Alliance Alders	28½	-½	1.8	6.2	7.0
120	38	Allied Colloids	84	+2	2.3	2.7	6.7
38	7½	Allied Insulators	15	..	1.6	10.9	4.8
27	9	Allied Plant	20½	..	1.4b	6.9	16.1
67	30	Allied Polymer	66	..	6.4	9.7	7.8
82	7	Allied Retailers	52	..	6.8	13.1	5.0
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	14	..	..	..	8.4
186	153	Amal Metal	175	..	18.6	10.6	1.9
75	15	Amal Power	34½	-½	4.7	13.8	4.1
44½	16	Amber Day	28	..	7.2	8.3	3.5
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	8.9	4.0
94	24	Anchor Chem	34	..	5.2	15.4	4.3
17½	8½	Anderson Strath	16	-½	13.1b	11.3	5.8
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	760	..	35.5	4.7	10.4
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	4.7	14.2	3.9
125	57	Anglo-Thai Corp	102	+2	2.0	2.0	4.7
85	12	Anglovent	28	..	2.4	9.7	10.7
80	25	Applegarth	30	..	5.5	15.7	5.0
37	12	Aquascutum 'A'	15½	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
93	32	Arlington Mtr	58	..	10.0	17.2	5.5
107	37	Armitage Shanks	38	..	6.1	16.9	7.8
52	32	Arnott Eqslip	32	..	2.4	7.4	5.7
50	33	Asprey 6½% Pf	37½	..	6.2	16.7	..
69	22½	Ass Biscuit	60	..	3.7	6.2	8.5
67	19½	Do A	54	..	3.7	6.9	8.0
15	3½	Ass Brit Eng	3½	..	..	..	..
18	7½	Ass Brit Food	15½	-½	2.1	4.8	8.9
58	24	Ass Fisheries	30	..	5.3	17.5	2.4
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	13½	..	3.5	15.2	7.3
168	52	Ass News	96	..	6.6	6.9	8.0
29	8	Ass Paper	29	-½	4.0	13.8	2.7
169	61	Ass Port Cement	139	-½	10.4	7.5	11.5
33	22	Ass Tel 'A'	37	..	6.0	16.2	5.7
42	32	Ass Tooling	30	..	2.9	9.8	4.5
58	12	Astbury & Midley	21	..	3.3	6.3	4.4
42	21	Aston Stone	36	+2	7.3	13.8	4.7
35	11	Attwood Garage	12	..	2.2	13.8	4.9
73	18	Audiotronic	32	..	5.2	16.1	7.6
33½	13	Ault & Wiborg	23½	..	4.0	13.2	5.5
19	9½	Aurora Hldgs	8	..	1.2b	15.0	2.8
33	13	Austin E.	23	..	2.4	7.0	8.8
32	12	Automotive Pd	23	..	2.3	10.1	4.2
113	41½	Averys	88	+2	5.7	7.5	9.0
121	29	Avon Rubber	90	..	..	2.2	29.0
57	17	BBA Grp	37	..	3.7	7.5	9.7
157	98	BICC	103	+2	10.2	9.9	5.8
115	84	BOC Int	46	+2	3.7b	8.1	7.4
112	63	BPB Ind	95	..	9.6b	10.1	5.9
44	24	BPM Hldgs 'A'	38	..	3.7	18.5	4.5
6	4	BSG Int	5	..	..	10.3	..
61	21	BSR Ltd	58	+2	3.2	5.5	7.9
130	63½	BTR Ltd	129	+½	10.9b	7.8	9.8
116	26	Babcock & W	95	..	2.7	2.8	9.1
98	18	Bacal Const	18	..	..	2.0	4.2
115	39	Baggeridge Brk	19	+1	2.7	14.0	5.0
38	7½	Bailey C.H. Ord	9½	..	1.6	16.9	4.3
88	29	Baird	60	..	4.0	6.7	9.1
67	36	Baker Perkins	37½	-½	4.0	10.7	11.4
52	19	Bambergers	35	..	3.7	10.5	4.8
17	9½	Barker & Dixon	14	..	..	..	8.4
230	132	Barlow Rand	220	+2	12.8	6.0	9.2
53	11	Barr & Wallace	43	..	4.2	9.8	3.9
70	11	Do A	42	..	4.2	10.1	35.5
115	34	Barratt Devs	84	-1	9.0b	10.7	4.1
44½	19½	Barrow Hepbn	38	..	4.4b	11.7	4.8
39	16	Barton & Sons	21	..	3.8	18.4	5.2
88	36	Bassett	80	..	5.8	12.0	5.2
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	33½	-1	3.8	11.3	8.3
61	37	Baxter Fell	56	+1	7.7	11.6	3.3
31	21	Beales J.	27	..	3.1	18.1	5.3
92	38	Beatson Clark	34	..	8.6	16.9	6.9
51	31	Beauford Grp	39	..	3.8	14.1	7.3
290	35	Beaverbrook	55	..	0.5e	0.9	..
76	12	Do A	30	+2	0.5e	1.7	..
85	27½	Beckman A.	45	..	6.7	15.0	5.4
110	57½	Beecham Grp	78	..	7.9	2.8	12.2
109	42	Bejam Grp	91	+1	4.9	5.3	17.8
42	22	Bemrose Corp	25	..	4.1	16.3	3.7
104	27	Benlox Ind	32	..	2.7	8.4	7.8
75	24	Bennett Chem Int	66	..	2.3	3.5	8.7
67	28	Brickhouse Dud	22	..	2.7	12.2	4.9
186	55	Bridon	119	..	8.5b	7.1	5.7
57	40	Brierleys	44	..	3.2	7.2	10.1
31	15½	Bright J. Grp	20	..	1.4	7.0	9.5
13	3½	Bristol Plast	6	..	0.9	15.3	13.6
343	150	Brit Am Tob	270	+2	17.0	6.3	5.8
61	17½	Brit Car Auctn	25½	+½	3.3b	13.0	5.3
33	9	Brit Enkalon	15	..	0.4	2.5	8.3
310	135	Brit Home Stre	291	+1	10.7	3.7	15.4
49	15	Brit Ind Hldgs	19	..	2.1	11.0	4.7
58	29½	Brit MMC	53	..	..	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	20	..	3.4	17.0	5.9
49	15½	Brit Printing	27½	..	4.8	14.6	3.3
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	24	+½	2.5	14.8	5.0
7½	3½	Brit Stm Spec	5	..	0.3	6.0	5.0
155	77	Brit Sugar Corp	103	..	13.0e	4.8	10.4
31	13	Brit Tar Prod	23	..	2.1	8.2	4.4
68	25	Brit Vita	33	..	5.1	9.7	4.0
49	19	Britains	28	..	4.5	17.3	3.9
140	54	Brockhouse J.	125	..	7.9	14.5	4.1
186	19	Brock Grp	39½	..	3.6	10.4	4.0
305	324	Broken Hill	668	-20	27.2	2.6	20.3
65½	18	Brook St Bur	32	..	6.8e	19.6	3.8
51	22	Brooke Bond	39½	..	3.3	9.3	..
58	26	Brooke Tool	37	..	..	..	6.2
60	28	Brotherhood P.	37	..	5.8	15.4	8.5
80	39	Brown & Tawse	57	..	3.1	5.5	4.9
35	9	BBK	10	..	..	33.3	..
31	4	Brown Bros Cp	7	..	0.8	10.7	6.9
131	41	Brown J.	67	..	..	..	..
34	15	Brown M. Inv	24	..	2.9	16.1	3.8
35	22	Brwlea Hldgs	28	..	2.2	9.8	19.0
100	43	Brunton's	69	..	8.0	16.2	7.6
19	10	Bryant Hldgs	19	..	2.5	18.5	5.9
31	21½	Budge Bros	31	..	3.8	11.3	8.3
81	29	Bullough Ltd	32	..	7.0b	13.5	4.2
29	10	Bulmer & Lumb	18½	..	3.6	19.4	6.2
100	47	Bunzl Pulp	69	..	5.7	7.1	9.6
23	10	Burco Dean	14	..	4.5	8.4	4.1
28	14	Burgess Prod	18	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
128	30	Burnett & Hallx	52	..	4.1	7.8	3.5
21	21	Do A NV	21	..	..	..	..
58	6	Burns And'son	12	..	1.7	12.7	9.8
6	2	Burrell & Co	4	..	0.2	12.7	5.0
170	55	Burt, Boulton	170	..	6.8	15.6	4.1
128	30	Burton Grp	80	+2	6.8	15.6	4.1
113	38	Do A	77	..	5.9	19.5	4.2
48	24	Bury & Masco	28	..	2.4	17.1	7.8
104	27	Business Com	97	..	6.2	12.7	4.5
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	20	..	2.7	13.6	4.1

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170	33	CCH Inv	36	..	1.5	14.0	3.6
31	15	CGSB Hldgs	31	..	1.5	14.0	3.6
57	33	Cadbury Sch	44½	..	3.4	13.9	3.8
214	33	Caffyns	57	..	7.4	12.9	5.8
45	15	Cahread Robey	30	..	2.7b	11.0	8.5
53	9	Campari	24	..	4.1	9.8	4.3
62	18	Canaccord Hldgs	34	..	3.4	9.4	6.1
84	34	Cape Ind	48	..	6.2	12.7	3.6
65½	22	Caplan Profile	32	..	3.7	8.9	5.5
47½	16	Capper Neill	41	..	..	..	68.5
53	5	Caravans Int	11	..	3.9	12.8	4.3
119½	40	Carclo Eng	90	..	2.3	3.9	6.8
57	19	Carless Capel	29	..	6.4	14.1	6.3
80	26	Carlton Ind	45	..	..	..	7.4
98	38	Caroni	126	+1	5.5	16.6	5.7
93	32	Carpets Int	51	..	9.2	6.9	5.4
31	15	Carr J. (Dud)	31	..	2.3	13.8	6.0
62	23	Carrlton Vir	78	..	4.5	13.2	4.8
61½	28	Casket & Hldgs	36	..	2.8	9.2	3.6
50	28	Catalin	44	..	3.4	7.8	4.4
43	7	Causton Sir J.	7½	..	..	..	4.3
149	49	Cavenham	138	+1	8.6	6.2	4.7
195	45	Cawoods	127	..	8.6	6.8	5.6
15	9½	Celanese	9	..	0.8	7.9	6.5
19	9½	Cement Roadstone	15	..	1.7	11.3	5.5
82	18½	Central Man	82	+2	3.4b	6.6	4.9
48	21½	Central Wagon	32	..	3.1	9.6	4.7
52	12	Centre Hotels	21	..	2.1	9.8	3.2
57	12	Centreway Secs	20½	+½	1.2	5.8	8.6
117	44	Century Secs	117	..	3.7	3.1	7.4
32	12	Ch'mbln & Hill	13	..	2.4	11.7	6.3
50	6	Chandler'd Grp	20½	..	2.1	10.2	4.9
34	18½	Chamb Phipps	18½	..	2.7	14.5	7.6
36	16	Charles D.	21	..	2.0	9.3	5.3
98	18	Charlton C'dner	28	..	4.0	12.5	5.4
57	15	Charrington	38	..	3.2	8.3	8.8
117	37	Charrington Grp	85	-1	3.8	4.5	11.0
51	11	Christies Int	23½	..	1.5	6.5	8.3
33	9	Chubb & Sons	19	..	0.4	2.5	8.3
370	135	Brit Home Stre	291	+1	10.7	3.7	15.4
49	15	Brit Ind Hldgs	19	..	2.1	11.0	4.7
58	29½	Brit MMC	53	..	..	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	20	..	3.4	17.0	5.9
49	15½	Brit Printing	27½	..	4.8	14.6	3.3
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	24	+½	2.5	14.8	5.0
7½	3½	Brit Stm Spec	5	..	0.3	6.0	5.0
155	77	Brit Sugar Corp	103	..	13.0e	4.8	10.4
31	13	Brit Tar Prod	23	..	2.1	8.2	4.4
68	25	Brit Vita	33	..	5.1	9.7	4.0
49	19	Britains	28	..	4.5	17.3	3.9
140	54	Brockhouse J.	125	..	7.9	14.5	4.1
186	19	Brock Grp	39½	..	3.6	10.4	4.0
305	324	Broken Hill	668	-20	27.2	2.6	20.3
65½	18	Brook St Bur	32	..	6.8e	19.6	3.8
51	22	Brooke Bond	39½	..	3.3	9.3	..
58	26	Brooke Tool	37	..	..	..	6.2
60	28	Brotherhood P.	37	..	5.8	15.4	8.5
80	39	Brown & Tawse	57	..	3.1	5.5	4.9
35	9	BBK	10	..	..	33.3	..
31	4	Brown Bros Cp	7	..	0.8	10.7	6.9
131	41	Brown J.	67	..	..	..	..
34	15	Brown M. Inv	24	..	2.9	16.1	3.8
35	22	Brwlea Hldgs	28	..	2.2	9.8	19.0
100	43	Brunton's	69	..	8.0	16.2	7.6
19	10	Bryant Hldgs	19	..	2.5	18.5	5.9
31	21½	Budge Bros	31	..	3.8	11.3	8.3
81	29	Bullough Ltd	32	..	7.0b	13.5	4.2
29	10	Bulmer & Lumb	18½	..	3.6	19.4	6.2
100	47	Bunzl Pulp	69	..	5.7	7.1	9.6
23	10	Burco Dean	14	..	4.5	8.4	4.1
28	14	Burgess Prod	18	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
128	30	Burnett & Hallx	52	..	4.1	7.8	3.5
21	21	Do A NV	21	..	..	..	..
58	6	Burns And'son	12	..	1.7	12.7	9.8
6	2	Burrell & Co	4	..	0.2	12.7	5.0
170	55	Burt, Boulton	170	..	6.8	15.6	4.1
128	30	Burton Grp	80	+2	6.8	15.6	4.1
113	38	Do A	77	..	5.9	19.5	4.2
48	24	Bury & Masco	28	..	2.4	17.1	7.8
104	27	Business Com	97	..	6.2	12.7	4.5
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	20	..	2.7	13.6	4.1

F — H

52	12	F C Cons	30	..	4.1	13.5	4.8
72	29	FMC	61	+1	7.2	12.6	3.3
57	42½	Fairclough L.	134	..	12.7b	8.2	7.6
8	7	Fairfax Jersey	7	..	..	..	3.7
58	18	Fairview Est	44	..	7.2	16.3	3.9
102	22	Farnell Elect	38	..	3.5	9.2	9.1
25	13	Feb Int	22	..	2.1	15.6	4.7
23	7½	Do A	22	..	2.1	17.1	4.4
83	32	Fed Chem Hldgs	45	..	4.2	9.4	8.6
83	32	Fed Fds & Build	45	..	4.2	9.4	8.6
106	15½	Fender Ltd	19	-1	2.0b	10.3	5.5
125	41	Fenner J. H.	83	..	4.3	3.4	8.6
83	36	Ferguson Hldgs	52	..	7.0	13.5	5.7
60	30	Ferro Metal	52	..	3.5	6.7	4.0
310	98	Fine Arts Dev	195	..	7.4	10.6	5.2
158	51	Finlay J.	143	+1	6.4b	4.5	9.5
19	9	Finlay Pack	16	..	1.4	8.8	8.8
14	7	First Finsbury	14	..	1.1	7.9	5.1
83	33	Firth C.S.M.	41	..	7.7	18.8	2.8
365	145	Fisons	358	+3	14.7	4.1	12.6
78	24	Fitch Lovell	50½	+½	4.7	9.2	11.3
38	10½	Fodens	22½	..	2.6	11.6	11.1
370	185	Duncan W.	233	..	20.5	11.4	6.7
58	28	Dunford & Eli	31	+1	3.9	12.0	2.7
325	117	Dunlop Hldgs	148	-½	5.1	10.6	8.8
9	3	Dupe Int	4	..	..	..	2.4
17	3	Duple Int	4	..	..	..	2.4
62	30½	Duport	41	..	5.2	12.6	2.7
32	19½	Dutton For	15	..	2.7	17.9	5.9
32	15	Crowlite Grp	27	..	3.4	12.5	8.9
30	20	Cropper J.	26	..	2.5	10.3	2.5
17	8	Crosland R.	15	..	1.8	8.3	8.8
35	15	Crossley Bldg	25	..	3.8b	12.8	4.5
71	15	Crouch D.	25	..	3.8	15.0	6.7
82	12	Crouch Grp	25	+1	3.7	14.8	4.3
85	30	Crowther J.	39	..	6.8	2.6	10.2
118	48	Culter Guard	62	..	..	..	6.0
74	26	Cum'ns En Cr	46	..	3.5	8.3	..
55	37	Cuthbert R. & G.	38	-1	2.5	8.8	7.8
125	11½	Cutler Hmmer £1	38½	..	6.8	3.6	10.2
118	44	Dale Electric	86	..	6.2	8.4	9.1
60	29	Danks Bacon 'A'	48	..	9.6	10.8	3.3
38	24	Danks Geverton	38	+2	3.8	9.4	3.2
12	4½	Dartmouth Inv	9½	-½	0.9	10.9	9.9
83	32	Davies & New	74	..	9.4	12.7	6.5
14	7	Davis G.	10	..	4.1	12.5	7.1
47	17	Davy Int	27	+2	3.5b	11.4	8.5
11	7	Dawson & Barfos	10	..	2.2	8.3	12.5
62	38	Dawson J.	42	..	3.8	16.3	4.5
670	310	De Beers Ind	670	..	37.9	5.7	10.3
99	26	Debenhams	67	+1	6.0	9.0	20.5
197	65	De La Rue	145	+5	16.5	11.4	6.4
280	94	Decca	180	..	12.1	6.7	6.4
284	90	Do A	176	..	12.1	6.9	4.5
15	5	Delcon	10	..	2.3	11.8	8.0
35½	12	Delta Metal	32	..	2.5	11.8	6.4
118	35	Denbigh Grps	73	..	4.3	5.9	7.5
85	17	Dennis Bros	32	..	2.7	8.4	5.8
145	58	Dew G.	75	..	6.3	8.4	9.2
197	85	Dexion Comino	126	..	9.2	7.3	7.7
116	41	Dorothy Perkins	73	..	4.8	6.6	8.4
31	15	Dowding & Mills	22	..	2.2	10.0	4.5
170	19	Drayton Con	32	..	2.5	7.8	6.2
38	18	Drg & Chem Int	24	..	2.2	9.2	5.9
113	46	Dresdner Bank	76	..	4.0	5.3	6.7
64	27	Drug Houses Aus	42	..	3.7	8.8	5.4
1	1	Drum Exploratn	1	..	..	..	..
64	27	Expand Metal	58	..	3.8	7.0	8.0

I — L

153	40	ILC Grp	74	-1	10.6	14.4	3.9
85	55	Ibstock Johns'n	63	+3	5.8	9.3	4.9
49	15	Illing Morris	20	..	2.1	10.7	7.2
30	10½	Do A	20	..	2.1	10.7	7.2
156	55	Imp Chem Ind	255	..	16.6	6.5	4.9
185	55	Imp Cold Store	108	..	6.6	6.1	9.4
71	28	Imperial Grp	66	..	4.6	10.1	12.5
38	24	Imp Metal Ind	34	..	3.8	11.0	7.1
97	18	Ingleton Ind	36	..	4.7	13.0	5.7
86	28	Ingrain H.	38	..	4.5	11.8	5.3
152	65	Initial Services	107	..	5.3	12.8	7.3
33	18	Int Combustion	24	..	1.0	4.2	8.3
71	28	Int Computers	39	-2	1.0	2.6	2.1
110	36	Int Timber	59	..	8.0	11.4	16.1
104	32	Inv Cham Grp	87	..	3.8b	8.1	8.0
74	28	Inverteak Grp	37	..	3.6	13.2	..
57	25	Ireland E.	41	..	8.6	9.6	..
113	62½	Irish BDR	94	..	1.3	8.3	2.8
36	8½	IS Hldgs	13	..	..	..	..
26	6	Jacks W.	9	..	..	..	..
34	15	Jackson & Sigle	24	..	3.5	15.8	10.5
34	12	Jacksons B'End	24	..	4.4	12.9	4.6
45	15	James H. C.	31	..	7.9	8.5	6.3
465½	138½	Jardine M'son	310	..	..	..	..
105	57	Jarvis J.	78	..	11.0	10.0	5.4
33	15	Jessups Hldgs	23	..	1.8	15.4	5.8
56	18	Johnson & F'B	35	..	5.4b	15.3	4.5
58	16	Johnson Grp	36	..	3.2	10.5	8.2
255	128	Johnson Matt	240	..	15.7	6.6	6.0
240	58	Johnson-Richd	90	..	8.2	9.1	9.2
112	34	James Stroud	46	..	5.4	11.8	5.5
75	29	Jourdan T.	32	..	2.1	12.1	6.5
38	10	Judge Int	12	..	2.9	10.1	4.2
84	15	K Shoes	20	..	2.2	7.0	7.3
38	7	Kernan Smith	8	..	0.6	7.1	5.1
84	16½	Kostair	84	+1	4.2b	9.1	5.2

M — N

42	7	MFI Wharfe	12	..	..	..	3.7
101	37	MK Electric	56	+1	6.1	8.6	10.1
80	27	McAlpine Sir'n	38	..	2.1	5.7	8.3
23	10	MTE Ltd	18	..	2.6	14.2	4.4
34	13	MY Bell	18	..	2.2	8.0	5.5
47	18	McCorquodale	25	..	3.9	15.6	5.2
93	15	McInerney Prop	20	..	..	..	2.4
39½	11	McNeary L'Amie	15	..	2.6	16.1	3.8
42	13½	McIntyre	42	..	6.9	16.4	3.4
47	16	Mackay H.	42	..	4.2	10.5	4.8
80	39	Mackinnon Bros	48	..	3.2	6.7	8.3
74	30	McNeill Grp	38	..	4.0	10.6	8.9
25	16½	Macpherson D.	23	..	3.0b	13.0	3.0
30	14	Madame Tussads	18	..	1.4	7.5	8.4
131	41	Maidenform Jersey	106	..	4.2	4.0	8.4
100	11	Mallinson W.	27	..	2.9b	10.5	5.0
100	28	Man Assy Music	38	..	7.5b	19.2	2.8
118	48	Manby & Last	62	..	9.8b	8.7	6.3
372	130	Man Ship Canal	163	..	16.5	11.3	5.5
22	4½	Mang Bronze	4½	..	..	..	2.7
46	22	Mann & Overtn	46	..	4.6	10.0	4.9
72	24	Maple Mac'wds	2	..	..	..	..
100	24	Marchwiel	32	..	3.5	5.4	4.5
73	18	Marks A.	21	..	5.8	5.7	8.5
125	47½	Marks & Spencer

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Various combinations are possible with a property called Castle Hale, at Painswick, Gloucestershire, a Cotswold house with a long history. The oldest part is thought to be Tudor, another section dates from the eighteenth century, and the front, with a decorated pillared portico, is believed to have been added about 1804. The main accommodation includes a large hall, two reception rooms and five bedrooms. The rear section has been converted into three self-contained flats, reached by their own staircases, each with sitting room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. The garden covers about an acre, and the property is for sale at between £55,000 and £60,000 through Lear and Lear, of Cheltenham.

Manor Farmhouse, at Biddestone, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, also includes self-contained accommodation. The house is thought to be Elizabethan, although possibly of even earlier origins, and is built of Cotswold stone with stone mullioned windows. There are two staircases and a separate annexe with two rooms and a kitchen. The main part of the house has four reception rooms and six bedrooms. Gardens and grounds, including two paddocks, cover about an acre and a half, and offers over £35,000 are being asked through Humbert, Flint, Rawlence and Squarey, of Chippenham. An additional four acres of land is also for sale.

Anyone looking for a town house would be attracted to *Somerset Lodge*, a seventeenth-century building in North Street, Petworth, Sussex. The date 1653 is carved into the stonework above the porch, and inside are original stone and Sussex marble fireplaces, oak staircases, and beams. It was probably built by a prosperous merchant, but belonged at one time to the sixth Duke of Somerset, who rebuilt Petworth House. Accommodation includes three reception rooms and six bedrooms. A large rear garden is enclosed by a stone wall. The price is £36,000, and the agents are King and Chasemore, of Petworth.

A price between £40,000 and £60,000 is asked for Fuiling Mill, near Whitchurch, Hampshire, a property with 550 yards of trout fishing in the Test, which runs through the grounds. The mill was converted into a house many years ago, and has four reception rooms, three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Most rooms have views across the mill stream. Grounds of about 4½ acres include garaging and a stable block. The property is being sold through Knight, Frank and Rutley and Lane Fox and Partners.

Ottcham Court, at Sayerland, Polegate, Sussex, has a former chapel as a feature of its grounds. Sections of the house are thought to date from the twelfth century, although the greater part is probably about seventeenth-century. The house includes some fine internal timbering, inglenook fireplaces and other historical features. There are two main reception rooms, a study, television room, five main bedrooms and a dressing room, with two attic bedrooms. In the 12 acres of grounds is the old chapel, formerly known as the Shrine of St Lawrence. It is listed as an ancient monument, and is used as a garden room. About £70,000 is being asked through Rowland Gorringe and Co, of Lewes. Further land might be available if required.

Another property with religious connexions is Stansgate Abbey, near Steeple, on the Essex-Suffolk border, but only a small section of the old wall remains. The building is basically an old Suffolk-style farmhouse, chiefly notable for its long frontage facing the Blackwater estuary. It has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, but needs further modernization. There are four acres of grounds, and the property is adjacent to a sailing club, where the house owner has the right to park two dinghies and use the slipway. The sale is on behalf of a Cambridge college and offers of about £30,000 are being asked through Bidwells, of Cambridge.

A property suitable for anyone requiring a small weekend retreat is 2 Church Cottages, at Kingsnorth, near Ashford, Kent, a semi-detached period dwelling thought to be about three hundred years old, and one of a group of similar properties. It is built in white painted weatherboard under a Kent peg-tiled roof and has been modernized to provide a large combined sitting and dining room 19ft long, with two bedrooms upstairs. The price is £12,750 through Flint-Kelcey Collier and Ashenden, of Ashford.

Buyers wanting new houses on an unusually scenic site not too far from London might find something suitable on a new development by Crest Homes at Penn, near High Wycombe. It is Hillside Park, and will consist of 39 houses, with gardens averaging just under a quarter of an acre. The houses are of timber-frame construction, in which the chief structural items are completed off site and assembled on site, and they have a high degree of insulation. Each will have two reception rooms, a study and five bedrooms, with kitchens above average size. They come in four different styles, though basically "Colonial" or "Georgian". A show house is open and the remaining houses will start to become available in the next two or three weeks. Prices are between £37,750 and £39,900, through Hamnett Raffety, of High Wycombe.

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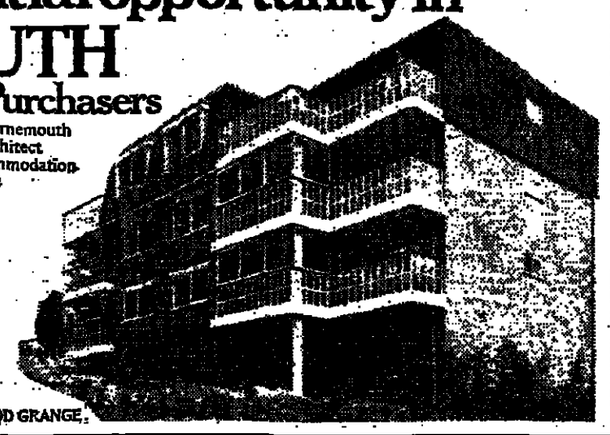
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BBC 1

...m, Wacky Races. 10.10, ...n Crusoe.* 10.35-11.00, ...cord Breakers. 1.00 pm, ... 1.30, Along the Trail. ...3, News. 2.20, Racing ...Goodwood. 4.25, Play ... 4.50, Natural Break. ...cooby Doo. 5.40, Sir ...t. ...News. ...Nationwide, including ...anti-inflation discussion ...Disney Adventure. The ...Boy Who Stole an Elephant. ...The Liver Birds. ...The Other Broadway. ...Teresa Brewer, Frank ...Gorshin, Marty Allen, ...News. ...Beneath the News. ...Film. The Chinatown ...Murders, with Telly ...Savalas. ...Nairn's Journeys. Football Towns, part 3: Wolverhampton and Walsall. ...Weather. ...and white.

...variations (BBC 1): ...WALES.—1.00-1.30 pm, ...rs Closedown. 6.00-6.25, ...lay. 6.25-6.55, A Question ... 6.55-7.10, Heddiw. 7.10-... 7.40-7.55, Cartoon. ...News of Wales. ...0—10.00 am-1.30 pm, ...rs Closedown. 6.00-6.25, ...Scotland. 11.30-12.00, ...ourneys. Football towns, ...Huddersfield and Halifax. ...Scottish News Summary. ...N Ireland.—1.00-1.30 ...uitters Closedown. 6.00-... ...ne Around Six. 12.00, ...Ireland News Headlines.

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BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Maths Analysis. 7.05, The Small Household. 7.30-7.55, Maths. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00 pm, Open University: Social Consequences of World War 2. 5.25, Biological System Respiration. 5.50, Rotating Frames. 6.15, Fleveland Polders. 6.40, Genes and Development. 7.05, Lycell on Etna.

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Living on the Land. The Shoot at Misson Springs.
8.10 The Great Orchestras. The Vienna Philharmonic.
9.00 Hanna Reports. Hopeful Lunatics: Ice dancers and the British Biathlon team.
9.25 Money Programme. The Glass House, report from Hungary.
10.15 The Carnforth Practice with Leonard Rossiter, Michael Elwyn.
11.05 News.
11.25-11.30, Georgine Anderson reads Flower and Jar, by Robin Skelton.

Southern

11.00 am, Film, The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw, with Kenneth More, Jayne Mansfield. 11.45, Bugs Bunny. 12.30 pm, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film, The Stranger, with Glenn Corbett, Cameron Mitchell. 4.20, Thames. 5.20, Weekend. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. Scene South East. 6.35, The Zoo Gang. 7.30, London. 10.40, Afloat. 11.10, The Collaborators. 12.05, Southern News. 12.15 am, Untamed World. 12.45, Weather. Guideline.

Yorkshire

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: Roberte Goes to War, with Brigitte Bardot, Jacques Charrier, Ronald Howard. 4.15, Cartoon. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, The Count of Monte Cristo. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Hogan's Heroes. 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40, Maude. 11.10-12.55 am, Film: You're a Big Boy Now, with Peter Kastner, Elizabeth Hartman, Geraldine Page, Julie Harris, Tony Bill, Rip Torn. Karen Black.

Westward

11.50 am, Let's Face It. 12.15 pm, Tomfoolery Show. 12.38, Gus Honeybun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film, Tarzan and the Lost Safari. 4.00, Cartoon. 4.20, Thames. 5.20, The Osmonds. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Miss Westward '75. 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40, What Have We Here? 11.05, Film: Diary of a Madman, with Vincent Price, Nancy Kovack. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Border

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film: My Six Loves, with Debbie Reynolds, David Janssen, Cliff Robertson. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Superman. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Protectors. 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40, Police Surgeon. 11.10, Film: Dilemma, with Peter Halliday, Ingrid Hafner.* 12.45 am, Border News Summary.

Thames

9.50 am, Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind.* 10.05, Wildlife Theatre. 10.30, Film: Jigsaw, with James Wainwright, Vera Miles. 12.05 pm, Bush Boy. 12.30, Hatty Town. 12.40, Pipkins. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Andy Stewart. 2.00, This Week. 2.30, Film: Salome, with Rita Hayworth, Stewart Granger, Charles Laughton. 4.20, Robert's Robots. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Flintstones.

5.50 News. 6.00, London—The Making of a City, with Benny Green (Part one).

London Weekend

7.00 Winner Takes All.
7.30 General Hospital.
8.30 The Squirrels.
9.00 Police Woman.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Attack on Inflation, a three-party discussion.
10.45 Film: Berserk (1968) with Joan Crawford, Ty Hardin, Diana Dors, Michael Gough, Judy Geeson.
12.25 am It Matters to Me.

Scottish

11.55 am Man and His World. 12.08 pm, Enduring Wilderness. 12.33, Professor Balthazar. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, ATV. 4.20, Thames. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Isabel. 7.00, Not on Your Nellie. 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40, Late Call. 10.45, A House in Regent Place. 11.05-12.10 am, Journey to the Unknown.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film, The Third Man with Joseph Cotten, Valli, Orson Welles, Trevor Howard.* 4.20, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, General Hospital. 8.00, Not on your Nellie. 8.30, The Squirrels. 9.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 10.00, London. 10.45, Extra Time. 11.15-12.45, Film, The House on Haunted Hill, with Vincent Price, Carol Ohmart, Richard Long.*

Granada

10.30 am, Sesame Street. 11.30, Clapperboard. 11.55, UFO. 12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Take Kerr. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film. Margaret Johnston and Richard Todd in Portrait of Clare.* 4.10, Pete Smith.* 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.05, Kick Off. 6.35, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40, Granada Profile. 11.00, McCloud. 12.55-1.25 am, Turlight Chest, documentary.

Ulster

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Out of Town. 3.00, Film: And the Same to You, with Brian Rix, William Hartnell, Tommy Cooper.* 4.20, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.25, Police Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Chopper One. 7.30, London. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, London. 10.40-12.20 am, Film: Vanished: Part 1, with Richard Widmark.

...Thames. 1.20 pm, West ... 1.25, Wales Headlines. ...nes. 2.00, Women Only. ... Laurence Harvey, Alan ...Remick in The Running ... Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. ...ssroads. 5.50, News. ...ort West. 6.15, Report ...The Adventurer. 7.00, ...ur Nellie. 7.30, London. ...ng Fu. 10.00, News. ...olice Surgeon. 11.10, ...1.05, Weather. HTV ...ALES.—As HTV except: ...m, Penawdau Newyddion ...4.20-4.50, Cestyll Can... ...1-6.15, Y Dydd. HTV ...HTV except: 1.20-1.30 ... Headlines. 6.15-6.30, ...

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...Arthur of the Britons. ...nchtime Call. 12.40, ...20, Grampian News ...1.30, Thames. 2.30, ...Man from Rio, with ...elmondo. 4.20, Thames. ...Till Your Father Gets ...News. 6.00, Grampian ...One Northern Summer. ...8.00, The Protectors. ... 9.00, Police Story. ...ion. 10.40, Perspective. ...of the Sea. 12.10, ...

... Thames. 1.25, Anglia ... Thames. 2.30, Film. ...with Alan Ladd, Audrey ... Thames. 5.20, Wait ...ther Gets Home. 5.50, ... About Anglia. 6.35, ...Survival. 7.30, London. ... 12.10, The Men Who ...

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...Starting Point. 12.40, ...The Saint. 3.30, ...d. 4.20, Thames. 5.20, ...of Monte Cristo. 5.50, ... Today. 6.35, ATV. ...r One. 7.30, London. ...Story. 10.00, London. ...stinie. 11.10, Film: ...1.35 am, News Headlines. Epilogue.

Radio

1

6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, Dave Lee Travis. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, Just for Fun. 7.32, Johnny Gregory.† 8.32, Music Night.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Len Jackson.† 12.00, News. Len Jackson.† 12.31 am, News Summary.
† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Handel, Mozart, Schubert.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Rossini, Bruch, Dvorak.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Bach.† 9.50, Recital: Joseph Gibbs, Philip Hattey, Ireland, Warlock, Fulton, Derek Bourgeois.† 10.45, John Aldis Vocal Ensemble.† 11.30, Piano recital: Szymanowski.† 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Verdi, Mendelssohn.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 2.10, Violin Sonatas: Debussy, Brahms.† 3.00, Handel's Judas Maccabaeus, part 1.† 3.40, Reading. 3.50, Judas Maccabaeus, part 2.† 4.45, Words by Margaret Drabble. 4.50, Judas Maccabaeus, part 3.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, It's Catching. 7.10, The ABC of Education.
7.30, Prom, part 1: Goehr, Beethoven.† 8.10, The Sentimental Traveller: Laurence Sterne. 8.30, Prom, part 2: Mahler.† 9.35, Gunnar Myrdal, Nobel Prize Winner for Economics, talks to Professor John Vaizey. 10.20, Debussy.† 10.45, Music Now, including birthday tribute to Humphrey Searle. 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers.* 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers.* 8.45, Professor Weissgut's Vital Statistics. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voices of the People: 021-432 5432. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, With Great Pleasure, Hermione Gingold. 11.50, The Victorian Manner: Jerome K. Jerome on Theatrical Characters. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?: Moving On. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, Mrs Penrose's Housekeeper. 4.00, News. 4.05, Johnny's Jaunt (new series). 4.35, Story Time: The Nightcomers. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Brain of Britain 1975. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Galbraith and the King of the Diamonds. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Power-House. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Jon Pertwee's Sketch Book (new series). 11.40, News. 12.01-12.04, Inshore forecast.

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ARMITSTEAD.—On August 20, at Heatherwood Hospital Ascot, to Caroline (nee Birch) and Edward —a son.

BEVIR.—On August 19, at the maternity unit, Yeovil District Hospital, to Jennifer (nee Jarvis), wife of David Bevir—a daughter (Emma Louise).

COWARD.—On August 21, to Elisabeth and Martin Coward, of Grebe House, Mere—a second son.

CUMMING.—On August 20th, at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Ruth and Ken—a daughter (Claire Louise), a sister for Emma.

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HANKEY.—On 19th August, at Westminster Hospital, to Eileen (nee Battye) and Donald—a daughter.

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MASEFIELD.—On August 11th, to Fiona and Charles Masefield—a son (Fraser Graham), a brother for Ashley.

SHAW.—On August 19th, at Kingston Hospital, to Rosemary (nee Wiseman)—a son (Simon John).

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MARRIAGES

ACHARYA : BHATT.—On 28 July, in Nairobi, Subash Veniram, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Acharya, of Harrow, Middlesex, to Bharti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Bhatt, of Nairobi.

HOUGH : LEWIS-JONES.—On 19th Aug., at St. Mary's Church, Liss, Alan D. Hough, C.B.E., M.C., of Durford Place, Petersfield, to Audrey Lewis-Jones, of Liss Forest.

DEATHS

ADAMSON.—On August 19, 1975, Marcus Guthrie (Mark), of Forge House, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, dear husband of Betty. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please, by his request.

ALTHAUS.—On August 21, peacefully, at home, Frederick Rudolph Alth[aus], C.B.E., in his 80th year, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private; no flowers, but donations, if liked, to Cancer Research or National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Maida Vale. A memorial service will be held later.

DEATHS

BOSTON.—On August 20th, at Wilcote Grange, near Charlbury, Oxon, peacefully in his sleep, Eric James Boston, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service Finstock Parish Church, Oxon, Tuesday, August 26th, 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

BROWNE.—On August 18, 1975, accidentally drowned whilst on holiday, Michael Woodthorpe, aged 46, greatly loved husband of Nicola and father of Tess, Judith, Alexis and Eleanor, Director of CAEM, International Ltd. Requiem m[ass] at the School of the Sacred Heart, Tunbridge Wells, Thursday, August 28, at 11.30 a.m.—R.I.P.

CARR.—On Aug. 17, 1975, at Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after a long illness so bravely borne, Luba, dearly loved wife of Harry, mother of Christopher and Andrew, grandmother of Nicola, Catherine, James, Frances, Samantha and Patrick. Cremation private. No letters, please.

CLARK.—On August 20, suddenly and peacefully, at Stonyhurst, Father Ernest Clark, aged 79 years. Funeral 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, at Stonyhurst.

COSGROVE.—On August 21st, suddenly at home, Norman Reseigh Cosgrove, former partner in Warmingtons & Hastles, husband of the late Doris Cosgrove and loved father of Peter. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, 27th August at 1.30 p.m.

COTTON.—On August 20, after a short illness, Mary Elsa, aged 82, of Little Croft, Barnes Lane, Milford-on-Sea, sister of the late Eileen, daughter of the late Colonel Robert Cotton and cousin of John Brockleshurst, of 4 Fulham Park Road, London, S.W.6. Cremation 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, 26th, at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. Flowers to Beavis & Sons, Vincent Street, Shirley, Southampton.

EASTON.—On 19th August, 1975, at home, aged 86, John Murray Easton, much loved husband of Ruth and father of David and Philip. Service and burial at Kensal Green (All Soul's), W.10, on Thursday, 28th August, at 2.45 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

ELDERKIN.—On July 25, in hospital, Thomas, aged 95, of 42 Shepherds Lane, Caversham, Reading, husband of the late Annie Fortune.

GARTON.—On August 17th, Clive Erskine, beloved husband of Jenny, father of Alexander and Rupert, and greatly loved son of John and Elizabeth, in a car accident. Funeral at Fyfield Church, near Abingdon, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 23rd August.

HARVEY JONES.—On 21st August, 1975, Brigadier A. Harvey Jones, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., of Haydock Park, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, husband of Mary and father of Patsy. Cremation private and no flowers, please, but if wished donations may be sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan. Arrangements for a memorial service in St. Mary's Church, Rostherne, will be announced at a later date. Enquiries: Messrs. John G. Ashton & Co., Altrincham. Tel.: 061 928 7816.

HORGAN.—On August 18, 1975, at the Bon Secours Home, Daniel Horgan (cattle exporter), beloved husband of the late Teresa Horgan, of Douglas House, Cork, Ireland, deeply regretted by his sorrowing sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and relatives. May he rest in peace. Funeral took place on Wednesday, August 20, aft. 12 noon. Requiem mass at St. Columbu Church, Douglas.

LITTLEBOY, REGINALD. — On August 16 at Brighton, aged 78.

LONGE.—On August 20, 1975, in hospital, Robert Bernard Longe of The Grove, Brockdish. Beloved husband of Peggy and a much loved father and a grandfather. At his request the cremation is to be held privately. No flowers please but donations if wished to Brockdish Parish Church, c/o Barclays Bank, Harleston.

MACK.—On 21st July, at his home in Mtunzini, South Africa, Commander R. V. Mack, D.S.C., R.N., aged 80, second son of Major and Mrs. P. P. Mack, late of Paston Hall, Norfolk.

MORRISON.—On 21st August, 1975, at Stanley House Nursing Home, Derby, and of Darley Slade, Belper Road, Derby, Samuel, aged 62 years, husband of Pauline Morrison. Funeral private. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to the Derby Cathedral Appeal Fund.

MUSMAN.—On 19th August, peacefully in hospital, Gladys Marguerite (Greta), much loved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Private cremation, no flowers.

O'MALLEY - WILLIAMS, Arthur Conrad " Buck ", of Peterborough Villas, London, on 20th August after a short illness, in Westminster Hospital. Service in Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday, 26th August, at 4.15 p.m. Cut flowers only, please.

RALSTON.—On August 20, 1975 Helen Ripley, of Smithy Cottage, Tornagrain, Inverness-shire, wife of the late Charles Ralston, of Holmhill, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, in her 89th year. Funeral private.

RYAN.—On August 21, 1975, at Epsom, James Ryan, of 81 Ashley Road, beloved husband of Gwenda, loving father of Brigid and Mark. Funeral service, St. Joseph's Church, Epsom, Thursday, August 28, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Epsom Cemetery. Flowers to Messrs. Longhurst, 86, High St., Epsom. R.I.P.

SAWYER.—On August 19, 1975, Ernest Arthur, aged 82, of East Wittering, Chichester, formerly of Martins Bank. Service, Friday, August 29th, at Chichester Crematorium, at 2.30 p.m. All enquiries please to Mr D. Evans, Hornchurch 44619.

WIEGAND.—On 20 August, 1975, peacefully in Eastbourne, aged 74, after an illness borne very courageously, Henriette (Henny) Weigand, devoted and much loved friend of the Ansley family.

YOUNG.—On August 16, peacefully in Victoria BC, Nigel Billairs after long illness—Founder United Christian Party.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GILBERT.—The Memorial Service for Mr. Reginald Gilbert, secretary of Buck's Club, will be held on Friday, 22nd August, 1975, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Addington, Croydon, Surrey.

LEIGH.—A Memorial Service in memory of the late Rose Leigh will be held at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London, W.1, on Monday, 1st September, at 6.30 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MASON.—A memorial service for Winifred Mason, O.B.E., at the Church of the Christian Community, 34 Glenilla Rd., London N.W.3., on Saturday, August 23rd at 11 a.m.

STUETZEL.—A memorial service for Mrs. Otto Stuetzel (nee Rosamund Price), late of Bangkok, will be held at Little Berkhamsted Parish Church, Hertfordshire, on Saturday, 6th September, at 2.30 p.m.

WEIR.—A memorial service for the late Viscount Weir will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Newlands, Glasgow, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd September, 1975.

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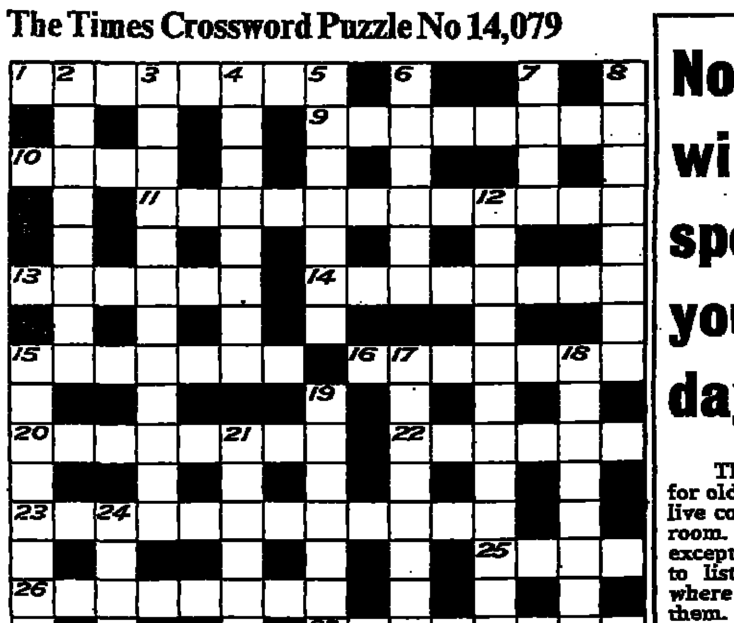
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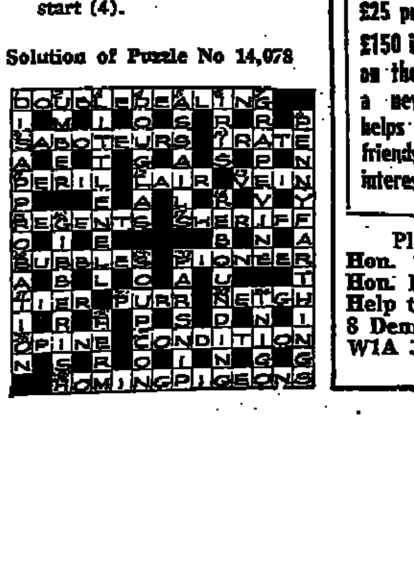
ACROSS

1 Proverbial blonde we hear has aid to body-building but no ring (4-4).
9 Crafty old mailman ! (8).
10 Timepiece of the fool Jaques met (4).
11 Whence Apollo ? (9-3).
13 Such is fate, not to mention the drama and Socrates (6).
14 Beacon's almost new editor gets sack (4-4).
15 Tyler's revolting follower (7).
16 A noble-sounding relation (7).
20 Tea given a stir ? No (8).
22 How can material so rich-looking minimize sex appeal ? (6).
23 An arty poseur is inside—so put him out (12).
25 Parental contribution to baby-boy (or girl, say) (4).
26 No severity in point held by red leader against our church (8).
27 Cleaned up the brushwood by the garden plot (8).

DOWN

2 All creation in the heart of runic poetry (8).
3 But no cooings, note, over tea-making by fishwives here (12).
4 Wild centaurs of part of ancient Italy (8).
5 Stealing a song about religion in French (7).
6 Patrician in parliament, one about to control sport (6).
7 Hold that raven, Barnaby ! (4).
8 General about to expire—it's so steep (8).
12 For which eloquent thanks, no doubt (4, 2, 3, 3).
15 Conjurer's five-point insurance policy (8).
17 Broken cups I stick up for target practice in a saloon ? (8).
18 French 20 meaning rubbish (8).
19 Thinks most highly of this famous ride (7).
21 " His first avowed —— To be a pilgrim " (Bunyan) (6).
24 River gives Matthew his start (4).

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